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A Palestinian policeman and an IDF soldier shake hands during a joint patrol of Kalkilya yesterday. Israel and the Palestinian Authority resumed joint military patrols there yesterday. Kalkilya is the fourth city where patrols were resumed since being halted after September's bloody clashes in the territories. The IDF said Kalkilya still remains a closed military area and Israelis are barred from entering the town.

Clinton's warning shot

stalled peace process and an undifferentiated view of settlements which is seen as a lethal

This is all the more worrisome, since there is a growing sense that while, as Clinton says, Israel and the Palestinians are close on the substantive aspects of a a deal, neither side seems to know how to wrap up

slams settlement policy

Clinton

WASHINGTON

ISRAEL'S settlement policy in the territories is "preempting" a final status agreement, US President Bill Clinton said vesterday.

He also turned up the heat on Binyamin Prime Minister Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, warning that "the time has come to make that agreement" on redeployment from Hebron.

Clinton's comments were his first since last Friday's cahinet meeting, at which the government announced financial incentives for settlement residents. The comments also are Clinton's strongest words on the peace process since his November 5 reelection.

"It just stands to reason that anything that preempts the outcome of something that both parties have agreed should be part of the final negotiations cannot be helpful in making peace. And that's my concern about that," Clinton said about settlement policy during a White House press conference following a

meeting with EU leaders. "I don't think that on the settlement issue anything should be done which would, in effect, be seen as preempting the outcome ... And we've had a very clear position on that all along," he said, maintaining that his administration has conveyed that view to Israel and the Palestinians.

Asked what role he can play in the settlement dispute. Clinton responded, "We can say what we

believe, and we can press our views on all those issues - and we are. But I want to assure you that we have been in very close contact with both parties for some time now. I have personally, our administration has, and we're pushing ahead."

On Hebron, Clinton said the talks are at a "critical juncture," with the situation "full of tension and full of frustration.

While "pleased" that Netanyahu and Arafat spoke by phone Sunday night, he cautioned: "But sooner or later, they have to do something. And they've had an agreement within grasp, with very little difference on Hebron for some time now. The time has come to make that agree-

Meanwhile, a senior US official insisted the Clinton administration played no role in the letter claiming Israeli settlement policies are harming the chances for peace sent to Netanyahu yesterday by eight leading officials in previous US administrations.

"The letter is not in any way asso-ciated with this administration. It is the product of those who initiated it. We were not consulted on it. We were aware the letter was in preparation, [but] there was no collusion, no consultation process," the official said.

The official said he did not know who among the retired secretaries of state, national security advisers,

GENERAL Security Service chief Ami Ayalon yesterday confirmed that he had urged Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to open the Western Wall Tunnel.

Ayalon:

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and LIAT COLLINS

He told the Knesset subcommittee on the secret services that he had raised the tunnel issue at variout meetings with Netanyahu and encouraged him to open it. He said the timing was not the critical problem. He said he had made the assessment in view of Wakf activity in the Solomon's Stables area of the Temple Mount and of probable Jewish extremist response.

He suggested the tunnel be opened, the negotiations on Hebron be speeded up, and that the Wakf's position on Solomon's Stables be accepted.

"A week before the opening of the tunnel, the prime minister said that the tendency is to open the tunnel near the time of the defense minister's meeting with [Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser] Arafat to begin the negotiations on Hehron," Ayalon said.

He did not say be voiced objection to this, but noted that he did not participate in the actual meeting at which the actual opening date was picked.

Netanyahu himself refused to (Continued on Page 9)

Channel 1: Two get 25 years for Tzur slavings

CHANNEL 1 reported last night that two members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine had been tried and sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment hy a Palestinian security court for the shooting of Etta and Ephraim Tzur last week near Beit El. Ramallah police could not confirm the

Ben-Yair reportedly favors letting

convicted spy Marcus Klingberg

out of jail, but the State Attorney's

Office still opposes the idea, it

However, Klingberg's attorney,

Avigdor Feldman, said yesterday

that Ben-Yair's okay is conditional on Klingberg financing a

round-the-clock guard for him-

self, which he cannot afford. Klingberg, 78, was sentenced to

20 years in prison in 1983 for giv-

ing the Soviet Union information

on chemical and biological war-

fare while he was serving as

deputy head of the Biological

Institute in Ness Ziona - an inci-

dent termed "one of the most seri-

ous cases of spying ever discov-

cred in Israel (by the security ser-

but has been turned down hy sev-

eral courts, including the Supreme

Court, due to the General Security

Service's opposition. While the

He has repeatedly asked for parole due to his severe ill health,

vices], if not the most serious."

was revealed yesterday.

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton fired a warning shot across Israel's bow last night hy attacking the expansion of settlements, and

offering his stark assessment that the Middle East is either moving forward toward peace or hackward toward greater tur-Clinton is someone who has

repeatedly proven his friendship for Israel, as evidenced by a four-year unending honeymoon in the hilateral relationship, and as graphically illustrated by his three trips to Israel in an 18-month period.

Thus the Likud will not be able to paint him as being suspect in his support, as it did to George Bush during the 1991-

1992 loan guarantee crisis.
Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu ignores Clinton at his

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peril. Otherwise, the warnings may only get louder and more frequent, especially since Clinton need not worry about electoral considerations any-

Moreover, so much of Israel's success in dealing with the US bureaucracy, including the Pentagon, during the last few years has come amid a perception by a myriad of senior and mid-level hureaucrats that Israel is a Clinton favorite and

must not he crossed. Once the tone changes, the approval of routine requests hy the security establishment and others that never even reach the public eye will become far less

routine. The Israeli public has also become unaccustomed to negative comments by American

The Likud likes to say there is a double standard, since Labor also expanded settlements alheit only just outside Jerusalem and just over the Green Line - without world condemnation. This is true, but it is due to two facts: The peace process was seen as robust, therefore settlements seemed to

be less consequential, Furthermore, the cabinet decision to provide financial incentives to all settlers underscores the view that Netanyahu is tak-

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Monitoring panel: Lebanon responsible for Katyusha attack

THE five-nation Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee last night said it holds the Lebanese government responsible for Friday's Katyusha rocket attack on western Galilee – the first Katyusha attack since the cease-fire that ended the cross-border fighting in

April.

The IDF Spokesman, in a statement issued late last night, said the committee had determined that the Lebanese government is obligated by the understandings and is responsible for doing everything in its power to uphold them and ensure that similar

incidents do not occur in the future. The statement said that during the discussions, the Lebanese delegation had tried avoid taking responsibility by claiming that the Katyusha rockets were fired from an area under the supervision of UNIFIL. The committee, however, rejected this

The committee, composed of representatives from the US, France, Israel, Syria and Lebanon, met for nearly 11 hours at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura before issuing a statement.

Israel had lodged a complaint with the committee established to supervise the understandings that ended the Grapes of Wrath fighting - immediately after the Katyusha attack.

There were no casualties or damage as a result of the attack and no group claimed responsibility for the firing. Hizbullah has denied any connection with the incident.

Israel, however, charged that overall responsibility rests with the Lebanese government and its army, which ostensibly control the area from which the

mreasonable.

Ben-Yair favors releasing Klingberg ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael

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that he has no intention of harming the state if released, it worried that he would unintentionally let slip information that could do great damage.

According to Feldman, Ben-Yair called him recently and said he wanted to do something to help Klingberg before he leaves office at the end of the month. Ben-Yair suggested an arrangement whereby Klingberg would be released, hut would remain under house arrest, with no telephone, a restricted visitor list and a roundthe-clock guard, and asked whether Klingberg would accept this, if the GSS also would agree.

A few days later, Feldman said, Ben-Yair called him back with the surprising news that the GSS had retracted its previous objections to Klingberg's release, and would accept an arrangement such as that outlined by Ben-Yair. However, he said, Ben-Yair then introduced a new condition: Klingberg would have to pay for the guard himself, as the state could not afford the NIS 300,000 a year. Klingberg, however, can-

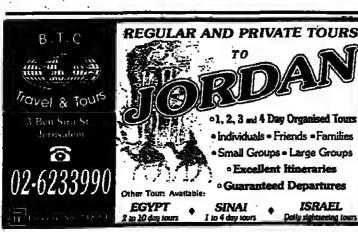
not afford this either. The State Attorney's Office denied this version of events, however. In an official statement, the office said it remains opposed

to Klingberg's release, because as far as it knows, the GSS's objections still stand. While there was a meeting with Ben-Yair about Klingberg, the office continued. the issue of who would finance the hypothetical guard never

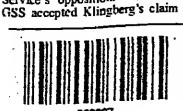
Ben-Yair refused to comment. Feldman, however, stuck to his story, and said he would take the

"Now there is no security reason, there is only a financial reason," he said, adding that the courts were much less likely to uphold keeping a man in prison just because it is cheaper. "The demand that [Klingberg] pay the guard's wages is inhumane and

Feldman praised Ben-Yair for his initiative on the matter, calling it a "very humanitarian act."



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with YEHUDA BEN-MEIR

What does the conflict of versions between Prime Minister

The deep mistrust that seems to exist between the highest political level and the leaders of the security establishment represents a grave crisis in civil-military relations. Trust is the basic condition, the sine

qua non for healthy civil-military relations. When you don't have

I wouldn't see it as unprecedented. In 1953, there was the Lavon

affair in which there was a total mistrust between defense minister

[Pinhas] Lavon and chief of general staff [Moshe] Dayan and a cri-

sis of confidence between Lavon and prime minister Moshe Sharett.

This was the most serious crisis of civil-military relations in Israel

and resulted in the resignation of Lavon and subsequent return of

I don't think the security establishment, either the GSS or the mil-

itary, demand that the prime minister accept everything they recommend. The civilian control of decision making is not the question. In

democracies the military accepts the iron principle of civil control.

But it demands that the civilian leadership gives proper weight to its considerations. That is the difference between democracies and

In democracies, you don't have a secret police to undermine and

intimidate the military. There is no question that Neranyahu can

overrule. But he has to abide by the cardinal rule that each coin has

two sides. One side is that the military leadership is completely sub-

servient to the civilian leadership, and in Israel no one has ever ques-

tioned this. But Churchill said there also had to be respect for the

military and you must have confidence in it. The fact that the prime

minister and his whole office radiate this complete disdain for the

You don't have to accept their advice, but if they feel you are not

listening to them seriously and merely going through the procedures,

There are those who say the suspicion among the prime minister and his advisers for the security establishment stems from the

belief the upper echelon was appointed by the Labor govern-

That .. is rubbish. Both Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir

inherited an army appointed during Labor governments, and they

had total respect for the officers and worked with them for years.

Shamir, who held a much more extreme ideology than Begin, had

tremendous respect for and good rapport with the military leader-

ship. Shamir would absorb everything the military wrote - and these

were Labor people.

They realized that a healthy transition of power meant a healthy

mocracy. The government coming in must respect all the people who were there. They are not political appointees who were promot-

Ben-Meir is a former deputy foreign minister and author of Civil-

Arieh O'Sullivan

then it is destructive to the civil-military relationship.

Binyamin Netanyahn and GSS head Ami Ayalon mean?

that, you may have a crisis.

Is this unprecedented?

David Ben-Gurion to power.

How serious is this crisis?

How does one get out of this situation?

military echelon is totally destructive.

ment and held contrary opinions.

ed three months before the elections.

DAVID MAKOVSKY AND LIAT COLLINS

IN an indication of the easing of tension, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met yesterday, for the first time in 10 days, to discuss a Hebron pullback. Negotiators Yitzhak Molcho and Saeb Erekat met in Jerusalem amid US efforts to bring the two sides together and comments by President Bill Clinton that there are only slight differences between the two sides.

Earlier in the day, Netanyahu phoned Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and updated them on his conversation with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

In a letter that Jordanian Information Minister Marwan Muasher delivered to Netanyahu last week, Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti deplored settlement expansion and said it impacted negatively on Jordan's security.

Foreign Minister David Levy will visit Amman on Thursday, making him the first Israeli official to visit there since the Western Wall Tunnel exit was

Meanwhile, the closure of Ramallah is to be lifted today, according to Israel

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Arafat loosening reins on Hamas

HAMAS is coming in from the cold almost a year after being forced to lower its profile following last winter's four suicide bombings, but it represents more a loosening of the reins by PA Chairman Yasser Arafat than a change of direction by

In an interview with the leading Palestinian daily Al Quds on Sunday, Hamas spokesman Dr. Mahmoud Zahar said that he believed that "circumstances are not the same now as during the intifada" and that all Hamas activities "should have a clear address and all its activities should be open."

The whole land of Palestine is a Moslem Wakf but as a first step Hamas would not stand in the way of establishing a state in Gaza, the West

Bank and east Jerusalem," he said. Other Hamas leaders responded

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- Steven Ain --- -

opponents, according to his needs.
As a sign of its new limited accept-JON IMMANUEL ability. Hamas will open a political office in Gaza City soon which will name a local leadership and coordi-Islamic Movement was making a first step towards softening its oppo-sition to the Oslo accords. "We are nate with the Hamas leadership

abroad, Zahar said.

And the Beit Lahiya Municipality,

under the PA's control, has decided

in principle to name a street after

master bomber Yihye Ayyash, "The

Engineer" who was killed on that

street and whose death there prompt-

Arafat landed Ayyash, who was

Musameh, a former editor of the banned Hamas newspaper Watan. While giving Hamas the opportunity to show its face again, Arafat has given no sign yet he will allow Watan to reopen. He closed it more than a ed the four suicide bus bombings year ago for its strong attacks on the against Israel a month later. PA jailing of Hamas supporters and the PA's encouragement of what

fully opposed," said Sayed Abu

Hamas called social immorality. None of this has changed, but Arafat has earned greater respectability in Gaza over the past six months of Likud rule in Israel. This has given him the power to be

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responsible for more than 50 Israeli deaths before he died. But in a Gaza. military court last weekend, two members of Izzadin Kassam, the underground Hamas armed wing headed by Ayyash, were sentenced to death for killing a Gazan civilian and a security guard while attempting to steal their weapons. that this in no way meant that the both tougher and more lenient to his In the past nine months Hamas has United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc.

shown itself to be less violent than its junior opposition partner. Yesterday Ramallah police said they arrested more than 10 supporters of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in connection with last week's drive-by shooting near Beit El which killed Etta and Ephraim

In Nablus, police allowed several hundred PFLP and some Hamas supporters to celebrate the killings at an-Najah University and call for a continuation of armed struggle.

At this moment it is not clear which of the two horses, crackdown or political leniency, Arafat is driving harder. He appears to be exploiting growing anti-Israel sentiment to shore up his support at home. while working within the letter of the Oslo agreement for Israeli con-



THREE workers at the strikebound Haifa Chemicals factory were rushed to the hospital last night after allegedly being beaten by security guards brought in by

Hundreds of other striking workers then converged on the plant in an angry mood, and demanded that police arrest those responsible for the beatings, or they would do so for them.

Haifa Histadrut branch chairman Baruch Zaltz said the situation was "ngly" and the security guards had apparently attacked a group of 12

workers sitting in a protest tent near the factory gates for "no reason." He said the workers were beaten with clubs, and were taken by ambulance to Rambam Hospital.

Labor leaders: PM caused confidence crisis

A POLITICAL furor erupted over the credibility gap between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and the security apparatus, which culmi-nated Sunday night with Netanyahu's statement that the security apparatus heads urged him to open the Western Wall Tunnel.

Masked members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine burn an Israeli flag during

Labor leaders accused the prime minister of causing the confidence crisis, noting that the heads of the General Security Service, military intelligence and police all warned of the confrontation which the turnel opening would cause.

During their weekly meeting, Labor MKs nearly all accused Netanyahu of not speaking the truth when he claimed that the security forces, or at least some of them, had favored the tunnel opening.

MK Efraim Sneh (Labor) said the confidence crisis between the prime minister and the heads of the security apparatus is unprecedented. Sneh. accused Netanyahu of "shifting the blame for the tunnel opening onto the security apparatus heads, who, as everyone knows, had warned him of the repercussions of opening the tun-

Labor leader Shimon Peres said, "It is unthinkable that the security apparatus heads would have urged Netanyahu to open the tunnel, because this is a political suggestion which has nothing to do with the security requirements. Even if they had, what kind of prime minister accepts such a recommendation?"

since the chief of staff, military intelcommander and others did not take

ons to the state's security. MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) yesterday said he watched with shock as Netanyahu made his statement on television Sunday night "because it was clear that he was not speaking the truth." Cohen, who is chairman of the Knesset Control Committee, said the committee heard the testimony of all the security apparatus heads involved, "and they all testified in contradiction to what

At the request of Labor MKs Ra'anan Cohen and Moshe Shahal, Ran Coben said the committee will hold another debate, to which he will invite Netanyahu to make his posi-

Correction

The Farewell Cracow concert will take place at Yad Vashem on January 2, and not as stated in yesterday's paper.

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MK Haggai Merom (Labor) said the prime minister's behavior towards GSS head Ami Ayalon showed that he wants to force him to resign by "forcing him up against a wall and damaging his credibility." Merom said Netanyahu had done the same with attorney-general Michael

MK Ehud Barak (Labor), former chief of staff and military intelligence head said he did not believe the security apparatus heads could have urged Netanyahu to open the tunnel, ligence head and military district

part in the meeting in question.

Barak added that the split Netanyahu created between himself and the security apparatus is danger-

Netanyahu said."

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Government turns back no-confidence bid

THE Knesset last night defeated a motion of no-confidence in the prime minister, filed by Labor and Meretz, 58-21.

The motions on the govern-ment's policy on the settlements were submitted last month, but the vote was postponed for various

Many Labor MKs did not participate in the vote to protest their not having seen any agreement made with the Third Way.

Third Way MKs voted with the coalition, following a meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Binyamin Prime Minister Dinyamin Nctanyahu in which he promised that he would not make a sweeping decision on making all Judea and Samaria a development zone, but would differentiate between areas.

Labor leader Shimon Peres told the plenum that the government is creating a lack of security and bringing the country to the brink of war. He said there is no chance of a broad consensus of the type Netanyahu wants, and the only consensus is that of the Arab world

ernment's mistakes. Peres said the defense establishment had recommended against opening the Ramallah bypass road, on which last week's fatal attack took place, but he had opened it to shorten the journey for school-children in the area traveling under

heavy security.

MK Ran Cohen, who spoke for Meretz, said that by stalling on the Hebron redeployment and the decision to enlarge settlements, Netanyahu "is playing with fire."

Communications Minister Limor Limos stressed that the govern-

Livnat stressed that the government would do no less than its predecessors in the territories and would determine its own priorities, just as the Labor government had done in extending aid to bodies like Kupat Holim Clalit.

She said the government would have decided on different policies than the Labor government even without terror attacks: "I understand that this upsets the opposition, but it is the reason we were voted into power. We are here and well build here."

Netanyahu: Gov't won't 'steal' land for settlements

HERB KEINON and LIAT COLLINS

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday that the government has "no intention of 'stealing' [the privately-owned land] near Beit El" for more settlements.

Speaking to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Comminee vesterday concerning Friday's cabinet decision to grant settlements in Judea and Samaria Zone A development status, Netanyahu said: "I thought it right to give them back the rights taken from them, from the morale and economic points of

He stressed that the "right time to declare new settlements is around the permanent status discussions. We are already doing the preparatory work on the final arrangements and naturally the question of new settlements will be related to the question of how one wants to see the map of the Land of Israel. Clearly in the areas that won't be handed over to the Palestinian Authority in the permanent arrangements. Israel will be able to do as it wants. Until then, we won't establish new settlements."

MK Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) criticized the prime minister from the other direction, saying he should have added scores of housing units to Beit El after the attack.

While construction in Beit El is now the cause celebre of the settlement movement, discussions between senlement and government officials are currently revolving around political, legal and logistical issues, rather than firm plans about how many units to build, settlement activists said

According to these acrivists. the discussions are centering on land near the army firing range adjacent to Beit El, and Har Artis, just outside the settlement. Har Artis is more problematic. they said, because building there would entail expropriating Arabowned land, which Netanyahu

has said be does not want to do.
Legally, it would be much easier to build on land belonging to the army base, since it is legally part of Beit El. This, bowever, raises political problems as well as logistical ones, such as where to move the firing ranges and, perhaps, where to move the base

One Beit El official said that as of now there is all kinds of talk, but nothing has been decided. The talk has for now kept Beit El settlement leaders from taking unilateral action, such as setting up mobile homes on land near

the settlement without govern-ment approval.
Yehuda Pinsky, a Beit El resident and deputy head of the Binyamin Regional Council, said for now the decision has been made to cooperate with, not confront, the government. He said this could very well change in two to three weeks if no practical decisions are made.

Pinsky said Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is carefully looking into any legal problems that could arise from a decision to build in the settlement. "He does not want to make a decision. and then lose face if the decision does not hold up in court," Pinsky said.

Meanwhile, the Council of Jewisb Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza will soon embark on a campaign to increase public awareness of what they say is massive illegal Palestinian building in the territories under complete Israeli control, the so-called Area C.

Council spokesman Yehiel Leiter said the council knows of 5,000 such bomes, 700 of which are fully documented and which the defense minister could legally tear down if he so desired.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahn and Finance Minister Dan Meridor confer before a meeting of the Likud Knesset faction to discuss the budget yesterday.

(Ariel Jerozolimski)

Meridor tells Likud faction he will try to meet their demands

FINANCE Minister Dan Meridor told members of the Likud faction yesterday that he will make every effort to reach a compromise on their major objections to the budget over the next few days.

The three major issues are cuts in child allowances, payments for doctors' visits and higher copayments for medicines. Together, these account for some NIS 1.3 billion worth of cuts.

"We asked for alternative proposals, but until now I have not received any that were feasible." Meridor said, according to an official briefing. "However, we will continue to try to reach understandings. I can't promise anything, but we are exploring every possible option for coming to an understanding. However, we don't

work accident.

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have pennies from heaven." "We only have this week to reach understandings," he added, noting that the plenum debate on the Economic Arrangements Law starts next Tuesday. But if there is discipline within the coalition, it is possible to get the law through the Knesset Fmance Committee

within a few days." Both MK David Re'em and MK Meir Sheetrit, who have been threatening to vote against the budget, said they were encouraged by Meridor's comments. The finance minister appears to have begun to take their demands seriously, they said.

Meridor also told the faction that deals had been concluded with

Way, and said he was close to a deal with Shas, United Torah Judaism and the National

Religious Party,
Prime Minister Binyamin
Netanyahu exhorted his party to cooperate on the budget-cutting effort, warning that Israel's Acredit rating was predicated on the cuts going through. If this rating were downgraded, it would cause great damage to the country's efforts to attract investment and take out loans, he said.

Faction chairman Micbael Eitan warned the MKs that though the law gives them until March 31 to pass the hudget, it would be disastrous from the point of view of public opinion not to finish hy

despite their objection to increas- tion in the committee.

Religious Affairs budget proposal rejected

THE Knesset Finance Committee rejected the Religious Affairs Ministry's 1997 budget proposal yesterday, sending it back to the Treasury as unacceptable.

This is the first time the committee has returned any of the 1997 ministry budgets to the Treasury. Earlier, it returned a section of the Economic Arrangements Law accompanying the budget that dealt with child allowances.

"In light of the fact that Deputy Ministers Yigal Bibi and Aryeh Gamliel, as well as ministry director-general Avi Blustein, said the budgetary framework does not enable [the ministry] to fulfill the most minimal religious needs in Israel; and in light of the fact that a Treasury representative was not present at the meeting to explain the Treasury's position, we hereby decide to halt the discussion, and recommend that the Treasury reconsider the ministry's budget and submit an amended budget to the committee one which will meet the minimal religious needs of the state and update the funding allocated to educational institutes, veshivas. Torah research and religious structures," the committee wrote in its decision.

The decision was passed with only two votes in favor. Those of committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) and Nissim Dahan (Shas). Zvi Hendel (National Religious Party) abstained, while Michael Kleiner (Gesher) approved halting the discussion because of the absence of a Treasury representative, but opposed sending the budget back to the Treasury. No other coalition MKs were pre-

ing the ministry's budger, as they saw no reason to rescue the coalition from another embarrassment.

The decision to send the budget back was made after Bibi and Gamliel said that not only could their ministry not handle its scheduled NIS 17 million cut, but it needed an extra NIS 300m. just to maintain a minimal level of functioning.

"It's not possible to discuss a budget when those responsible for the ministry say they cannot manage [with that budget]," Ravitz said, "All the other ministries are being cut after [their budgets] were updated [for inflation and natural growth]. But to a ministry which for years has gotten nothing - there are items for which [the budgets] have eroded by 90% - this is irrelevant.

Kleiner and opposition MKs disagreed. There is no real cut in the budget, or at most a very small one," Kleiner said, contrasting this with the cuts in the welfare budget. "There are many things that need improvement, hut these will have to wait until next year... We have not returned the budget of any other ministry. If we should be sending back ministry budgets, there are sever-al ministries which are more important.

Haim Oron (Meretz) said he saw no jusufication for the state to shell out millions to pay for the "uncontrolled growth in the number of yeshiva students."

"The return of the Religious Affairs Ministry budget to the government is yet another proof of the government's inability to get the hudget through the Knesset," said former finance minister Avraham Shohat Opposition MKs abstained, (Lahor), who heads the opposi-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Romanian laborer killed at work Rehovot police launched an investigation yesterday mto the death of a Romanian worker, who died after a

Around midnight Sunday, police received a call from Kaplan Hospital, where staff reported that a Romanian worker had died of injuries from an

Police determined that while working in a trench for an earth-moving company, the worker activated equipment which collapsed the walls, burying him in earth up to his neck. He and an Israeli who was worker also injured, were taken to the hospital, where the Romanian later died of his injuries. A Labor Ministry investigator said the accident was apparently caused by negligence.

MDA back on normal schedule Magen David Adom workers are temporarily ending

their work sanctions today to create a better armosphere for a meeting with management, as well as the Finance and Health ministries, that is scheduled for tomorrow, the workers' committee announced. Workers are demanding that the ministries and

management honor their past agreements, raise salaries, hire more medics to staff ambulances, and pay them for the hours they are on call.

Tw die on roads Wadia Farrah, 78, died late Sunday night as a result of injuries suffered when he was hit by a car while

crossing a street in his village of Kafr Yasif earlier in the day.

truck driver seriously injured, when Elbaz's truck lost its brakes on the Motza curve on the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway and hit the truck in front of it. A bus was also involved in the accident, but none of its passengers was hurt.

Histadrut heads okay '97 budget The Histradrut leadership yesterday approved a 1997 budget of NIS 285 million, plus a NIS 15m. budgetary reserve. The Histadrut Parliament is

scheduled to discuss adopting the budget today. Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz said the budget, which is NIS 20m. above what the Histadrut's financial department recommended, will allow it to expand its existing services and add new ones. The Histadrut also expects 100,000 more workers will join it in 1997.

Panel: Equalize pay phone rates The Knesset Economic Affairs Committee yesterday demanded that Bezeq and the Communications Ministry equalize the fees for making calls from public cellular phones with those for calling from a regular pay phone. Cellular phones are installed largely in army outposts in the North and in South Lebanon, where there is no infrastructure for ordinary phones, and so the main victims of the higher fees are

Evelyn Gordon

Reform movement calls for territorial compromise

NEW YORK

THE lay leadership of the Reform port for religious pluralism in movement has called for territorial Israel. It urged the members of its compromise to resolve the Middle East conflict and called on both Israel and the Palestinians to

Oslo Accords. "Over the years, we have expressed our understanding that a resolution of the conflict requires territorial compromise," the national board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations said in a resolution

The board, meeting over the weekend in Los Angeles, expressed its disappointment with the Israeli government's stand on both the political and and religious fronts.

The May election has strengthened the position of "religious fundamentalists," it said in a separate resolution that reaffirmed its sup-

800 congregations in the US and Canada to consider religious freedom and religious pluralism in Israel "among their highest prioriobserve the letter and spirit of the Saying it was alarmed at the "deterioration of the positive spirit" of Oslo, the board called on Israel

and the Palestinian Authority to proceed, without delay, to implement the agreements reached so far. It termed the development and expansion of settlements a "needless provocation" that impedes the successful conclusion of the final

status negotiations. It also called on the Palestinian

Authority and Yasser Arafat to "renounce both the use of violence and the threat of violence as a political weapon in the negoriations."

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Tax collection decreasing in Arab councils

TAX collection in Arah local authorities has been steadily decreasing, even as government funding has steadily increased. Interior Ministry Director-General Ya'acov Efrati told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday.

Efrati, who was addressing the committee on the financial crisis in Arab municipalities, said they are still underfunded in comparison to Jewish communities. According to the Swary Report on the local authorities, funding for Arab towns is still NIS 150 million short of equality with Jewish townships, he said. However, he added, the gap has

narrowed steadily over the past six years. In 1990, the Arab authorines received only NIS 135m. (in 1996 shekels). This rose to NIS 194m. (in 1996 shekels) in 1991. terms; to NIS 253m. in 1992 (up 30.5%), to NIS 313m. in 1993 (23.4%), NIS 417m. in 1994 (33%), NIS 489m. in 1995 (17%), and NIS 516m. in 1996 (5.5%). This is a cumulative increase of 382% in seven years.

At the same time, however, tax collecton in the Arab sector has steadily declined. From NIS 36.6m. in 1993, it fell to NIS 32.3m. in 1994 and NIS 25.6m. in 1995, Efrati said. Furthermore, he said. the authorities' combined deficit has remained constant, at about 22% a year, due to rising expenditures.

Airport detectives find ecstasy pills in electric organ

AIRPORT detectives discovered 22,000 ecstasy pills with a street value of more than \$3.5 million inside an electric organ carried by a passenger at Ben-Gurion Airport, police said yesterday.

The passenger, Donashvili Rafael, an Israeli who lives in Belgium, has been detained on suspicion of drug trafficking, said Asst-Cmdr. David Mansour, bead of the Central Police District's serious crimes division.

Rafael was arrested early last Friday after airport detectives found 22 plastic bags – each containing 1,000 pills of the hallucinogenic drug ecstasy – inside the organ he had brought with him from Belgium, Mansour said. The detectives were tipped off by information; from five-other-suspects-arrested about three weeks ago, he said.

Rafael at first said be had come to Israel for medical treatment for his 11-year-old son, but later confessed, Mansour said. Mansour said Rafael admitted coming to Israel 13 times and bringing more than 200,000 pills into the country.

The Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court remanded him for five days. The street value of ecstasy pills is NIS 50, Mansour said. (AP)

'Post Internet Edition' now ranks 6th

THE Jerusolem Post Internet Edition, forging ahead in the ratings of the world's top on-line news sources, climbed from 7th place to 6th in December. A scientific sampling by NewsLink, the foremost survey organization for those who read news over the Internet, put USA Today first, followed by CNN Interactive, The Washington Past, MSNBC and The Jerusalem Post (at

http://www.jpost.co.il). The Los Angeles Times, The Christian Science Monitor, The San Jose Mercury News and The Chicago Tribune rounded out the top 10. The Telegraph of London, The Woll Street Journal, and Pathfinder dropped out of the top Judy Siegel

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"The meaning of this is that the government's continuous effort to increase budgets has not been accompanied by a similar effort on the part of the Arab authorities," he said. "It is inconceivable that the government should increase the grants each year, but the deficit should remain the same.'

Tax collection in the Arab sector. he added, is far lower than that in the Jewish sector: The Arab localities collect only about 42% of their potential tax revenues, while in the Jewish sector, the collection rate is over 75%.

Efrati also said that the ministry has decided to reduce the planned cut in all the local authorities' budgets for next year from 3% to 1.5%. However, this still means that Arab authorities will get only NIS 547m., which in real terms is less than they received this year.

Treasury Director-General David Brodet seconded Efrati's statement that increased government funding to the Arab authorities must be accompanied by better tax collection.

Arab local council heads responded angrily that it is hard to collect large sums when they have no industrial base, and rejected Efrati's figures regarding the low rate of tax collection in Arab towns. They also rejected Efrati's indifference.

statement that NIS 150m. would be enough to close the Jewish-Arab funding gap, saying they also wanted full coverage of their accumulated deficits - some NIS 420m. - plus NIS 2 billion a year in development funds.

As a minimal first step, said committee chairman Sallah Tarif (Labor), the Arab authorities should be exempt from any budget cut this year.

"It's an embarrassment that after 50 years, we are still in a state of discrimination," he said.

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav said the government will continue its efforts to redress the funding discrimination, and will encourage the development of industry in Arab towns. He also said that two to five Arab villages - Kafr Manda, Rahat, and maybe some others - would be given national priority status under the new map the government is drawing up. This would be the first time an Arab town has received such status, which entails numerous finan-

Ze'ev Boim (Likud) attacked the Arab council heads for having lobbied foreign countries to pressure the government into increasing their funding, saying this violated

all norms of proper behavior. Sallah Salim (Hadash) responded that the Arabs had been driven to this move by the government's

Two architects share **Wolf Arts Prize**

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TWO pioneers of modern European architecture have won the 1997 Wolf Prize in the Arts, the Wolf Foundation announced yesterday. Prof. Aldo van Eyck, of Amsterdam, and Prof. Frei Otto, of Leonberg, Germany, will share the \$100,000 award.

Van Eyck founded the School of Structural Rationalism in the Netherlands, a movement centered around the School of Architecture of the Technical University at Delft, where be has saught throughout his career, and the

magazine Forum, which he edited. Otto designed two unprecedent-edly large cable-suspended roofs – at the Olympic Stadium in Munich and for the German pavilion at the 1967 Montreal Expo. He continues his research at the Institute for light Surface Structures of the University of Stuttgart.

The Wolf Foundation was established by the late Dr. Ricardo Wolf, who was appointed Cuba's ambassador to Israel in 1961, and lived here until his death 20 years

--- Painless test for colon cancer could save 200 Israelis a year

ABOUT 200 Israelis could be saved from death from colon cancer each year if everyone over the age of 50 underwent a painless test for occult blood in the stool, the Israel Cancer Association (ICA) and

Kupat Holim Clalit said yesterday.

An article published in The Lancet last week showed that regular testing reduced the mortality rate by 15% to 18% in Britain and Denmark. The long-term studies followed middle-aged people for 10 years, comparing those who had undergone eolon-cancer

screening and those who had not. Dr. Gad Rennart, head of the Cancer Control Center in Clalit's Carmel Hospital in Haifa, said that colon cancer is the most common type of malignant tumor in Israel. Some 1,600 new cases are diag-

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nosed yearly. Although 850,000 have reached the age for testing (people younger than 50 with a family history or inflammatory bowel disease should start getting tested earlier), only about 20,000 are tested annually.

The simple test requires taking a sample of stool and mailing it to a lab, which looks for occult blood. Its presence does not necessarily mean the person has colon cancer, if positive, the patient usually undergoes a colonoscopy.

Rennert noted that to all those aged 50 to 74, the test is free and included in the basket of health services provided by the health funds. More information about centers from which test kits can be obtained are available from the ICA's

Telemeida number (03) 571-7888.

MDA workers halt sanctions

Magen David Adom workers have halted sanctions at least until tomorrow, when a special discussion of their demands will be beld by Health and Finance Ministry officials. Last week, MDA workers returned their cellular phones, walkie talkies and beepers and refused to be in touch with their home base while off duty. The workers want the special duty allotment given to hospital workers as well as medics to accompany

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Car bomb targeting exminister kills one in Medellin

A CAR bomb exploded Monday outside the home of a prominent opposition leader in the city of Medellin, killing a neighbor and injuring at least 13 people, police said.

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about 5:30 a.m. in front of the home of Juan Gomez Martinez, a former Medellin mayor and state governor, who stepped down as transport minister in January. He was not home at the time. Before the explosion, police and the men

who planted the bomb were engaged in a lengthy gun battle, Gomez's daughter, Ana Teresa Gomez, told RCN radio.

A Medellin police officer reached by telephone confirmed shots were fired before the

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A van packed with dynamite blew up at explosion. The officer, who gave only his last name, Arias, said the bomb was brought to the house by four men.

Police said they have no information on who was behind the attack.

Gomez resigned in January from the cabinet of President Ernesto Samper, amid allegations Samper had links to drug lords. Gomez bad joined the government despite being a member of the opposition Conservative Party.

A woman who lived in a neighboring house in the wealthy El Poblado district, Lucia

Ceballos de Bernal, was killed in the blast and 13 people were injured, none of them seriously, Arias said.

Both homes were nearly demolished and adjacent commercial buildings were badly damaged in the blast, which police chief Gen. Alfredo Salgado said was caused by about 50 kilograms of dynamite.

Car bombs planted by the now-defunct Medellin drug cartel in the late 1980s and early 1990s – a time when Gomez was governor and mayor – killed hundreds of people during a war between drug traffickers and the government. In those years, Gomez favored negotiations with the cartel to stop the vio-

Judge sentences Palestinian bombers to 20 years

LONDON (AP) - A judge sentenced two Palestinians to 20 years in prison apiece yesterday for conspiring to bomb Israeli and Jewish targets in London.

Sir Patrick Garland recommended that Samar Alami, 30, and lawad Botmeh, 28, be deported after serving their terms.

A jury last week found the pair guilty of organizing the 1994 bombings of the Israeli Embassy and a Jewish philanthropic organi-zation. A third defendant, Mahmoud Abu-Wardeh, 25, of London, was acquitted.

Garland said the bombings were

"were terrorist acts - of waging war in London which caused many millions of pounds of damage and could have caused death or serious injury."
"Why you did it, perhaps we

will never know - but it did not advance the Palestinian cause in this country or in Western Europe," he said. "I have to pass sentences for what you did - not your motives,

however powerful the emotions, frustrations, sense of injustice or anger which might have given rise Alami, a chemical engineer,

shook her head as Garland spoke. Botmeh, who is a businessman, showed no emotion.

Israeli Ambassador Moshe Raviv said be was satisfied "that justice has been done." "Terrorists must know that noth

ing can or will be achieved by acts of terror and that, in the end, they will be brought to justice," he said. Charges against a fourth defen-dant, Nadia Zekra, 49, were dis-

missed on November 4. She had been charged in connection with the explosion at the Israeli Embassy on July 26, 1994 that injured 14 people.

The blast came a day after prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein officially declared an end to the war between their countries. Five people were hurt when a sec-

ond car bomb exploded the next day outside the London offices of the Jewish Philanthropic Organization for Israel and the Middle East. Prosecutor David Calvert-Smith argued the defendants were inspired by the Popular Front for

the Liberation of Palestine, but did not act on that group's behalf. They allegedly formed a group called the "Palestine Resistance Jaffa Group in Palestine" and

claimed responsibility for the Garland said he accepted that Alami and Botmeh had acted on their own, and contrary to the declared policy of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Nixon's alternate speech – refusing to resign – comes to light

A week before Richard Nixon resigned from the US presidency in 1974, a defiant speech was prepared for him declaring that he had done nothing "that justifies removing a duly elected president from office" and pledging to fight to keep his presidency.

Romina Andrea Vilarte, a three-year-old girl who survived six

days lost in the jungle of northeastern Argentina, lies on a hos-

pital bed in Posadas, Argentina Friday. Vilarte was naked and

dehydrated when found Friday hy police about two miles from her parents' home in rural Campo Viera. She was taken to a hos-

pital where doctors said she was recovering from infected insect

hites and scratches. Authorities said the girl wandered from

home; they don't know what happened to her clothing. She told her family she ate wild fruit, tree roots and coconnts in the jun-

The speech was never delivered. Instead, Nixon put out a written statement revealing the existence of the famous "smoking gun" tape showing his complicity in the Watergate coverup - and waited to judge how the nation reacted. In the ensuing national rage, Nixon saw that his presidency was doomed and gave up the

The refusal-to-resign draft, a footnote to one of the most dramatic weeks of America's history, has come to light among the 40 million pages of Nixon documents at the National Archives.

Raymond Price, Nixon's chief speech writer. prepared two drafts on August 3 and 4, 1974 the undelivered text and a resignation speech, marked "Option B."

"Option B" became the basis of the speech Nixon delivered on Thursday, August 8, in which he told the nation be would resign because "I no longer have a strong enough political base in the Congress."

In a telephone interview last week, Price, 66, said he "vaguely" recalled writing the drafts for Nixon "so be could have something on paper that be could look at."

Price did not mention them in his 1977 memoir. With Nixon.

Alexander Haig, who was Nixon's chief of staff, said last Friday that he ordered the drafts prepared at an "agonizing and wrenching"

"One day he was going to resign, the next day he wasn't," Haig said. "That weekend was about the third time, as I recall, that he was going to and he wasn't going to."

The refusal-to-resign speech has Nixon conceding that he made "a serious mistake" in withholding knowledge of the damaging Watergate tape after listening to it the previous May. He gave it up only when the Supreme Court ordered him to.

In his actual resignation speech - similar to the Price draft only in terms of themes - his mea culpa was softer. He said that "if some of my judgments were wrong - and some were wrong - they were made in what I believed at the time to be the best interests of the nation." The undelivered speech of defiance has Nixon saying that, whatever his mistakes, "I

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firmly believe that I have not committed any act of commission or omission that justifies removing a duly elected president from office. If I did believe that I had committed such an act, I would bave resigned long ago."

In that text, Nixon says he would fight for the sake of the presidency. "We must not let this office be destroyed - or let it fall such easy prey to those who would exult in the breaking of the president that the

game becomes a national habit," the draft speech says. Therefore, I shall see the constitutional process through - whatever its outcome. I shall appear before the Senate and answer under oath before the Senate any and all questions put

to me there." In another passage, the 2,000-word undelivered speech has Nixon saying that resigning

would be the easy way out.

"Some suggest that if I persevere, I am not only ignoring what they consider the inevitable outcome, but doing so at considerable personal

allowances and other perquisites of an ex-president, whereas one removed by the Senate loses everything - and that he leaves in dis-This text acknowledged that impeachment by

risk," the draft says. "They point to the fact that

a president who resigns keeps all the pensions,

the House and trial in the Senate were "almost a foregone conclusion ... the other side has the As originally conceived, either draft would

be the vehicle by which Nixon informed the nation of the "smoking gun" tape. On it, Nixon is heard urging aides to use the CIA to halt the FBI investigation into the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate.

Once Nixon made the tape public, on August be was doomed. One by one, his 10 Republicans defenders on the House Judiciary Committee changed their minds and said they, too, would vote for impeachment. Congress and the country elamored for Nixon's removal. Nixon delivered his resignation speech on the night of the eighth and turned over the presi-

dency to vice president Gerald R. Ford at noon

Magazine asks historians to rank US presidents

NEW YORK (AP) - Bill Clinton is a "low average" president, and Presidents Reagan, Bush and Carter each fell short of greatness, according to a panel of eminent historians. Yet Clinton now has a chance to take his

place among historical giants - men like Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and Franklin D. Roosevelt - if he brings vision and courage to his second term, wrote historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. in the New York Times Sunday Magazine

The magazine asked 32 historians to grade each president great, near great, average, below average or failure. Two voted Clinton near great, two said he was a failure, and he ended up average in the overall ranking. Schlesinger, whose father commissioned

the first presidential historians' poll in 1948, said Clinton can still make a mark on history by pursuing world peace, attacking illiteracy and "reversing what may become our gravest internal threat - the growing inequality of wealth and opportunity." Like other ones before it, the poll rated only

Lincoln, Washington and Franklin Roosevelt as great because, Schlesinger said, "Great presidents possess, or are possessed by, a vision of an ideal America." Great presidents weren't always popular in

their time, however, and popular presidents weren't always great, said Schlesinger, who wrote the article in which the poll results were published Sunday. In the survey, Harry Truman was ranked as

a near-great president. John F. Kennedy, Clinton's idol, was a high average, along with Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Clinton, Bush, Reagan and Carter were all rated low average. Richard Nixon ranked as a

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person. He was also close to former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, who knighted him in 1981.

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Korean ex-president's death sentence commuted

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A SOUTH Korean appeals court yesterday commuted the death sentence on ex-president Chun Doo Hwan, mastermind of the Kwangju massacre, to life imprisonment.

The court also cut the jail term of another ex-president, reduced sentences on a clutch of generals tied to the events and let five business tycoons, including the head of the giant Daewoo group, walk free from bribery charges.

In decisions that outraged victims of the Kwangju atrocity and softened the impact of an anti-corruption drive, the Seoul High Court granted leniency to nearly all leading actors in the country's "trial of the century."

But the court rejected defense arguments that there could be a "legal" coup and called for an end to revenge in South Korean politics.
The most dramatic decision was

to commute Chun's death sentence to life imprisonment on charges that included ordering an attack on democracy activists in the southern town of Kwangju in 1980. Several hundred died when a May 18 insurrection was put

down by crack paratroopers.

The verdicts, laced with sayings from the Chinese classics and even Latin, set off gasps of disbelief and anger among 250 specta-tors, including families of some Kwangju victims.

Outside the court, the mother of one victim, Lee Keum-soon, wept as she denounced the decision as a

ing the Kwangju massacre. The

"prepared script." My son was handicapped durpeople of Kwangju are still living with anger from that incident," she

told reporters. The three-judge panel cut to 17 years from 22-1/2 years the jail term for Chun's successor, Rob Tae-woo. It also reduced the jail terms of 12 former generals, kept one unchanged and upheld the acquittal of a 14th general.

Chun, president from 1980 to 1988 and Roh, president from 1988 to 1993, were convicted of mutiny and treason over a 1979 coup that launched Chun's political career and led to the Kwangju arrocity. Separately, they were found guilty of amassing hundreds of millions of dollars in slusb funds.

Dressed in pale blue prison uniforms — Chun prisoner 3124 and Rob prisoner 1042 — the two stood side-by-side for the verdicts. Chief Judge Kwon Sung,

explaining that a reason for Chim's sentence being commuted was that he peacefully transferred the presidency to Roh, added: "Losing political power doesn't

necessarily mean death. "We must get away from that kind of political culture and establish the principle that death does not follow a transfer of power. This is as important as punishing

the coup," he said.

The judge said Roh's sentence was reduced because he was a "follower," not a "mastermind" like Chun.

Both men can make a final ippeal to the Supreme Court and President Kim Young-sam can also grant full pardons. (Reuter)

Unions, courts deliver fresh blows to Milosevic

TRADE union support for protests against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic grew yesterday, as a court banded the opposition a victory in a second town where elections were disputed.

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Studeots, union members, and supporters of the oppo-sition Zajedno (Together) cualition protested for the 29th straight day in Belgrade in a face-off with the govern-ment over its refusal to reinstate annulled local election

Zoran Djindjic, a prominent opposition leader, vowed at

Zoran Djindjic, a prominent opposition leader, vowed at the Belgrade rally to organize a nationwide protest in the new year to pile the pressure on Milosevic.

"One thousand people from each of 30 towns in Serbia will walk to join us here in Belgrade in the new year, we will be world champions in protest marathons," he told the crowd, which fell short of the record 250,000 people

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over the weekend.

The rallies have a carnival atmosphere despite expressing rock-solid opposition to Milosevic. Security forces have adopted a low profile, although the memory of 1991. when Milosevic used tanks to crush street protests.

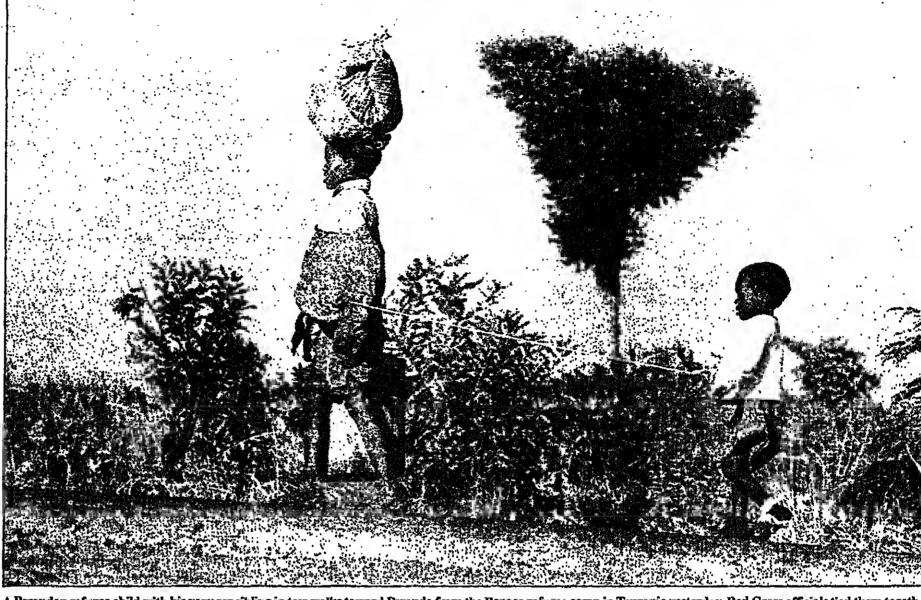
In a second breakthrough for Zajedno, a court in the town of Smederevska Palanka ordered the local election commission to respect an annulled local election and give the municipal council to Zajedno. There was a similar order in

Nis on Sunday. There was more bad news for Milosevic when the traditionally pro-government Alliance of Independent Trade Unions of Yugoslavia, the nation's biggest and most influential union group, backed a smaller union's protests.

The alliance said it backed last week's decision by Nezavisnost to join anti-Milosevic protests which made it the first union to participate in the rallies. Workers have cited grievances over pay and workers' conditions and

Nezavisnost workers plan to demonstrate today outside the Serbian parliament which is due to discuss several draft laws on labor and employment that workers believe will harm their interests.

The crisis has shaken Milosevic and given the US a fresh opportunity to fire a broadside pressing him for democratic reform in return for renewed access to capital on international finance markets.



A Rwandan refugee child with his younger sibling in tow walks toward Rwanda from the Benaco refugee camp in Tanzania yesterday. Red Cross officials tied them together so they would not lose each other on the 17 km. walk to the border. Tanzanian police and soldiers are forcibly repatriating more than a half million Rwandans. (AP)

hechen mission tries to free Russian soldiers

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Chechnya's separatist leaders, anxious to keep the region's delicate peace process on track, yesterday took steps to force a radical field commander to release 21 Russian soldiers he was holding captive.

The Interfax news agency said Salman Raduyev, whose men seized the troops on Saturday. had dropped all conditions for their release at a meeting with negotiators from the Dagestani region neighboring Chechnya.

It quoted an unnamed Dagestani representative as saying that Raduyev had agreed to free all the hostages today after a tough warning from separatist premier Aslan Maskhadov.

In a contradictory report, Itar-Tass news agency qnoted Dagestani security minister Magomed Talboyev as saying that Raduyev agreed to release just 10 of the Russian servicemen today. and only if Moscow brought formal apologies to him.
Up to 60 Raduyev's men seized

the servicemen on Saturday, when they tried to prevent the rebels from entering Dagestan. Raduyev thinks the Russians had no right to

Neither of the agencies' reports could be independently confirmed. Russian officials were not immediately available for com-

Chechnya's rebel leaders, anxious to ensure that the troops leave before presidential and parliamentary elections scheduled for January 27, bave denounced hostage-taking incidents like Raduyev's in the past and have moved to resolve them quickly.

Three top Russian officials in the region overseeing Chechen policy sent Chechnya's president a memorandum on Sunday warning that unless the Russians are released. Moscow could halt the withdrawal of its forces. But yesterday, Russian com-

mander Vladimir Sukheruchenko said the incident should not be blown out of proportion. He noted that Raduyev, a radical who led a hostage-taking raid into Dagestan last January, has

no link with the Chechen separatists' political and military leadership. "I hope that we all have enough

sober sense not to let this incident harm the peace process," Interfax

orsican separatist leader gives himself up

AJACCIO, Corsica (Reuter) - Corsica's best-known hardline separarist leader, François Santoni, gave A wave of separarist bomb attacks, virtually himself up on the French Mediterranean island hours after police arrested his woman friend yesterday,

Santoni, who had been living rough for months in the dense brushland that covers much of the island, surrendered in the northern town of Bastia, they said. Santoni is bead of the Cuncolta Naziunalista party, the legal wing of the outlawed Corsican National

Liberation Front (FLNC)-Historical Wing which police hold responsible for dozens of bomb attacks against public buildings on Corsica in the past few months. Police were seeking him to serve a sentence already passed on arms charges.

Police earlier arrested his companion, Marie-Helene Mattei, a lawyer specializing in defending separatists who is also Cuncolta's secretary-general. Interior Ministry sources said a pump shotgun and

A wave of separatist bomb attacks, virtually always

carried out at night against empty premises have badly hit Corsica's tourist trade. Mattei was detained by police in connection with a

bomb attack on Thursday against a luxury golf club which investigators believe was linked to an extortion attempt by separatists.

The interior ministry said eight suspects were being beld in connection with Thursday's attack on the Sperone golf course which flattened the golf course keeper's house but caused oo injuries.

Investigators said Mattei's arrest was a sign of the government's determination to restore order on Corsica after President Jacques Chirac last week said bombers would be tracked down relentlessly. The FLNC bas threatened to step up attacks on the

French mainland as part of its drive for more autono-

Last East German premier found guilty of perjury

DRESDEN (Reuter) - A German court convicted former East German premier Hans Modrow of perjury yesterday, but limited the sentence on the country's last communist leader to a year's pro-

The Dresden state court found Modrow, 68, a reformer who led communist East Germany from November 1989 to March 1990, guilty of lying under oath to a state parliamentary committee probing

"This was not a political trial," said Judge Hans-Peter Kotyrba. "It was solely based on whether Modrow committed perjury

before the state parliament. Modrow denied be bed under oath about vote rigging that occurred in October 1989.

His sentence included punishment for a 1995 conviction by the same court for inciting election

SANTA MONICA, California (AP) - A scientist testified yesterday that blood appeared to have soaked through a sock found in O.J. Simpson's bedroom, suggesting the blood was planted to frame Simpson for murder.

Herbert MacDonell repeated his testimony from the criminal trial, but was not allowed to expand on it because of an attorney agreement barring new disclosures by first-trial experts.

Simpson was acquitted of criminal charges a year ago in the knife slayings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman on June 12, 1994. But relatives of the victims are suing the former American football star for wrongful death in civil court. The plaintiffs are seeking to convince a jury of Simpsoo's responsibility for the murders something prosecutors failed to do. But a criminal trial requires a higher standard of evidence for a conviction. Attorneys successfully defended

Simpson in the criminal trial in part by suggesting the former American football star could have been framed through a conspiracy by racist police. Simpson is black. and the victims were white.

Much of the prosecution's evi-dence involved blood found at the scene, on Simpson's automobile and at his house. MacDonell, a bloodstain ana-

lyst, found microscopic particles of what appeared to be blood that smeared his own blood on a glove

had soaked from the outside of the similar to those collected in the dark sock to the inside, opposite surface. He said this would have been impossible if a foot were in the sock.

Expert testifies on O.J.'s blood-soaked socks

body compressing and getting blood on (a side) of the sock and pushing it into the sock?" asked defense attorney Robert Baker. "Yes, it is," MacDonell answered.

He also said the blood would have dried within five or 10 minutes, implying it wouldn't have soaked through after the socks

were taken off. In another criminal trial testimooy rerun, MacDonell recounted his experiment in which be

they would.

The defeose sought to ask MacDonell questions about inter-"Is that consistent with somepretation of crime scene blood to bolster its contention the killings

took longer to commit than the plaintiffs claim But the judge refused to allow that testimony, citing the pretrial agreement between attorneys to limit expert testimony to only

case and found the gloves did not

shrink, as a glove expert testified

what was presented at the criminal

Police said they found the socks at the foot of Simpson's bed the day after the killings. Plaintiff wit-nesses have testified that blood found on the sock was similar to

EVERYTHING THAT MEETS THE EYE FROM A-Z

Simpson's and that of his ex-wife. MacDonell was the first of several defense science experts being called to throw scientific weight behind the police frame-up theory and to sketch an alternate scenario for the killings.

Simpson himself may return to the stand this week, answering quesoons from his own lawyer before the jury is sent bome for a two-week Christmas vacadon. Also possible this week is a rul-

ing from an Orange County judge in a custody battle between Simpson and the parents of his slain ex-wife over Simpson's youoger children, Sydney and Justin.

A court spokesman said yesterday no decision had been reached.

Gable Oscar, script sell for \$770,000

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) - An unidentified bidder paid more than \$770,000 on Sunday for a pair of movic artifacts, including an Oscar statuette, once owned by Hollywood legend Clark Gable. Officials with Christie's auction house said the winner bid

\$550,000 for the gold-plated, 30-em. Oscar that Gable won for his role in the 1934 film It Happened One Night and \$220,000 for his copy of the script fot 1939's Gone With the Wind.

Including auction fees, which are paid by the buyer, the Oscar fetched \$607,500 and the script \$244,500 Both articles were being sold by

Gable's estate as part of a daylong auction of Hollywood memorabilia that raised more than \$1.8 mil-Ursula Hermacinski, the

Christie's vice president who took the winning bids for both the Oscar and the script over the telephone, declined to identify the victorious bidder.

"I think the buyer is thrilled, pretty, pretty thrilled," she said. The wirming Oscar bid topped the previous record price for an Oscar of \$510,000, set in 1993 at Sotheby's aucoon house for the statuette given to Vivien Leigh when she was named best actress for her role opposite Gable in Gone With the Wind. Gable, who died in 1960 at the

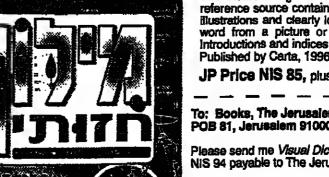
age of 59, won his only Oscar for his role as a wisecracking newspaper reporter in love with a runaway beiress, played by Claudette Colbert. It Happened One Night swept the Academy Awards, with Colbert, director Frank Capra and the film itself also being honored.

Among other items auctioned off were one of four famous Rosebud sleds used in the 1941 film Cinzen Kane, sold for \$210,000; Audrey Meadows's 1954 Emmy Award for the television program The Honeymooners (\$26,000): Gable's leather-bound script of The Misfits (\$18,000); Gable's passport (\$10,000); Lana Turner's passport (\$2,400); and a swimsuit worn by Pamela Anderson Lee in the popular teleprogram Baywatch vision



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A counterproductive letter

state James Baker, Lawrence Eagleburger, Cyrus Vance and five other former high level American officials slammed possible Israeli "unilateral actions, such as expanding settlements" as "strongly counterproductive." Three other former secretaries. Henry Kissinger, George Schultz, and Alexander Haig, declined to sign the letter perbaps realizing that the letter itself was counterproductive.

Israel's top security officials are reportedly warning that Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat may he looking for an excuse to launch, once again, a wave of violent riots like those which followed the openiog of the Western Wall Tunnel exit in September. It would be tragic if former US officials helped justify Arafat's excuse for a next round of vio-

In September, Palestinian police stood by as Palestinian rioters charged Israeli military posts before starting a shooting match between the two sides which left 15 IDF soldiers dead and dozens of Palestinians killed. For days previous to the riots, Arafat himself publicly incited violence. On September 24, in Gaza, for example, he told Palestinian security forces, "They will fight for Allah, and they will kill and be killed, and this is a solemn oath...Our blood is cheap compared with the cause which has brought us together ... Palestine is our land and Jerusalem is

Israel was blamed for this violence, though it was clearly instigated and could have been easily prevented by the Palestinian Authority. The resort to violence by the Palestinian side, whatever one thinks of the Israeli policies that preceded it, was a gross violation of the Oslo Accords.

Because Israel was blamed, bowever, the Palestinians not only escaped condemnation for their actions, but reaped large political rewards.

There are, presumably, many elements to Arafat's calculation as to whether igniting such violence would serve Palestinian interests. There is no doubt that a primary consideration in Arafat's mind is who would be blamed for ch violence. Israel or the Palestinians.

If this sort of "spootaneous" violence erupts again and the world bolds Israeli policies responsible, than the pressure for Israeli concessions will increase. If, however, the court of world opinion is repelled by Arafat's further resort to violence, then the inevitable and terrible loss of life will produce no Palestinian diplomatic gains.

When the Netanyahu government decided to expand tax breaks to settlements in response to the terrorist attack near Beit El, it chose the least provocative among the "Zionist responses" demanded by key government ministers and the settler community. The government was quick to point out that the decision would oot create a

letter signed by former US secretaries of single new settlement, or even commit the government to building a single oew bouse over the Green Line. In fact, in its six months in office, the government has only granted full approval to one instance of settlement expansion, at Kiryat Sefer, which is just over the Green Line.

Notwithstanding the bysteria over Netanyahu's settlement policy, very little has happened on the ground. Judging from the government's actions if not its rbetoric, there will he no new settlement activity, and settlement expansion will be limited to areas within settlement blocs that all parties recognize will remain under Israeli control in any conceivable permanent status agreement.

The fact that the government refuses to explicitly close its options, and that the prime minister speaks emotionally about the imperative of settlement expansion, leaves room for Palestinians to fear the worst. That Palestinians would spin out nightmare scenarios based on some of Netanyahu's statements is perhaps understandable. What makes less sense is when former US secretaries of state bop on this band-

The American letter calls on Israel oot to take controversial "unilateral steps." There is some sense in this. Israel is no longer in a situation, as it was before Oslo, where it had oo framework agreement with Palestinians and no Palestinian negotiating partner.

It may seem like a concession for Israel to admit that the Palestinians have a say regarding new Israeli neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem and in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. In fact, the Oslo Accords have already made that concession, like it or not. The Netanyahu government is right to argue that its actions do not violate the Oslo Accords, but that does not mean they should be taken unilaterally, rather than negotiated with the Palestinians.

It is in Israel's interest to attempt to negotiate quid pro quos with the Palestinians over controversial issues, rather than run the risk of violeot Palestinian responses to unilateral Israeli actions. Even if the Palestinians refuse to negotiate. Israel can take actions that balance each other out with a similar effect.

Regarding settlements, for example, could expand in areas close to the Green Line. while allowing the Palestinians to expand near Area A cities already under their cootrol.

These sorts of quid pro quos would ideally be reached on a negotiated basis. If that is not possible, then balanced unilateral actions are preferable to unbalanced ones.

The same might he said about criticism by erstwhile friends of Israel. If the secretaries want to offer Israel advice constructively, the way to do it is to also explicitly refuse to justify any violent Palestinian response to Israeli policies. Violence is also a unilateral action, and a much more serious one than declarations about



No ifs, buts or pretexts

OULD the murderers of Etta and Ephraim Tzur have fired into an Israeli car on an Israeli highway and thought they could flee safely to Ramallah if those who had joined in similar killings of civilians in Israeli territory since the Oslo accords were now sitting in Israeli

A fundamental principle of criminal law is that prompt prose-cution and punishment deters potential offenders. Capital ponishment - the most drastic of criminal sanctions - is justified in contemporary society because it may be the only effective means of deterring future murders.

So what is being done to deter the recurrence of random shooting and killing by Palestinian ter-

The world community of civilized nations recognizes that deliberate murder is a crime for which there may be no bordercrossing sanchiary. By international extradition treaties independent nations undertake to hand over, for prompt trial and punishment in-foreign jurisdictions, those against whom there is evidence that they committed murder in a foreign country. No international extradition treaty excludes murder from its list of extradioon

Only the Palestinian Authority not yet an independent government entitled to governmental prerogatives in international law hands over the ordinary criminals but refuses or ignores requests for those who have committed murder on Israeli soil.

And sophisticated Israeli observers, including columnists in the daily Hebrew press and former government nfficials like Shimon Peres, warn that demanding that the Arafat government surrender these murderers would

OR his first sex offense -

girls when he was stationed

exposing himself to two

on an army base in 1955 - Leroy

Hendricks' sentence was a \$2.90

fine. Then, after an unrelenting

three-decade career of pedophilia.

he got 10 years for his last record-

ed offense, molesting two boys. Problem is, the 10 years ended

in 1994 and the state of Kansas

did oot want to let Hendricks

loose. So it committed him to a

psychiatric institution under the

state's Sexually Vinlent Predator

Act that allows it to commit habit-

ual sex offenders upon release

Earlier this month the Supreme

Court was asked to decide if the

law is constitutional. How can it

possibly be? This is a clear case of

double jeopardy: Hendricks

serves his sentence, then is thrown

back in a slammer, dressed up as a

hospital, for oo addioonal crime.

The attorney-general for Kansas

NATHAN LEWIN

jeopardize the peace process. There is no legal difference, bowever, between permitting the PA to harbor the murderer of 17year-old David Boim, shot down while waiting at the bus stop near Beit El, or the murderers of Ohad Bacharach and Uri Shahor, students killed hiking in Wadi Kelt, and condoning sanctuary for a bomber of a civilian airline with

more than 200 passengers. Indeed, as the quantity of victims of random terrorist killings is

Whatever happened to deterrence?

allowed to increase, the only difference - the sheer number of victims - vanishes.

Providing refuge to murderers is a morally illegitimate act, and to tolerate it in the interest of diplomatic negotiation is simply unacceptable. In addition, the PA explicitly undertook in the Oslo accords the legal obligation to hand over to the Israelis anyone accused of crime within Israeli jurisdiction - an obligation it has oow ignored, according to published reports, 17 times in response to requests from the Rabin-Peres governments and 10 times when requested by the Netanyahu government.

The pretext given in some cases by the PA, that it has tried and sentenced the accused in a Palestinian court, would be treated as transparent evasioo in any routine extradition.

Treaties customarily delay extradition until after the requested country has concluded its independent proceeding against an

charge. They do not allow minor charges with trivial penalties to be substituted for extradition on a serious charge such as murder.

COMPLIANCE with Israeli extradition requests is essential to generate the confidence needed for real peace. If territory ceded to Palestinian jurisdiction becomes the safe haven for killers of Jews, there can never be any justification, or acceptance in Israel, for creating these perverse cities of refuge.

International law thus justified a principled response from the Netanyahu government at this time, such as a declaration that there will be no further oegotiatioo until the PA complies with its obligation to hand over suspected murderers of Israeli civilians. And if Israel, for whatever

internal political reason, fails to take this firm stance, American law requires the US to demand the extradition of the Palestinian who is alleged to have murdered David Boim, a US citizen. Uoder 1992 amendments -to

America's anti-terrorism - law; Congress made it a federal crune to murder an American citizen "outside the United States." The Federal Bureau of Investigation Bnim's murder.

And the US may demand of Israel - and through it, of the PA legitimated by President Clinton's attestation of the Oslo accords that Amjad Hannoi and anyone involved with him in Boim's murder be extradited for trial in an American court of law.

The writer, a Washington attorney, has participated in international extradition cases in US

Wrong bid

YOSEF GOELL

THEN Prime Minister Netanyahu stated, in the wake of last week's terrorist murder outside Beit El that the most argent objective was the protection of Israeli lives he was right, for the short term.

In the longer term the goal must be to ensure that the outcome of negotiations with the Palestinians on the separation of the two peoples and the future of the territories be in keeping with Israel's basic interests.

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Unfortunately Netanyahu's priorities over the past five days endanger both the short- and long-term goals.

Let's look at Israel's weakest and its potentially strongest cards - the settlement issue, and the demand that the Palestinians quash terror as required by Oslo, respectively - in the context of obtaining international support for its policy toward the Palestinians.

Netanyahu should ideally have used the occasion of the terror attack on the Tzur family to demand the implementation of Israel's right to bot pursuit after the murderers into Ramallah.

Given the fact that Netanyahn and his Likud government have as good as caved in on that demand, at the very least they should have made it clear that Ramallah would be closed tight until the terrorist murderers were apprehended and surrendered to

Even this Netanyahu did not do. Instead he played his weakest suit by pandering to the settlers.

Suppose he didn't intend acmally expanding the settlements as he reportedly assured the US and others abroad; he has already incurred all the damage that could have been expected from such

The heightened international ressure now generated regarding the settlements has made it well-

The premier had a strong card and a ...weak.one. Guess... which one he played

nigh impossible for Israel to press failure to cooperate in quashing continuing Palestinian terrorism. Netanyaho's shortsighted

uncorking of the settlement genie has done something else: It has allowed Arafat to seize the high moral ground as the supposedly aggricved party.

An interim assessment of the past week's events will certainly encourage the PLO leader to continue using sporadic terrorism and mass demonstrations to shore up his positions in the negotiations.

impossible to provide reasonable security to other outlying and

risk will most likely be the Jewish settlement in the heart of Arab Hebron' once the IDF is redeployed from the city. In a broader context, the most

danger bes in carrying out further

implementation of those phase two withdrawals and go on to the final stage negotiations is basically correct. But massive US and international support for such a shift will be essential to overcome

The assumption underlying the Oslo plan of phased negotiations was that each successive phase would be part of a cumulative confidence-building process, one that would overcome mutual distrust sufficiently to permit a final

ous government.

on the basis of trust, then, it may instead go forward on the basis of

mutual self-interest How can Israel muster the inter-

national support it needs for a change in basic assumptions and a new negotiating timetable? Only by indicating that it is prepared to give up many of the settiements as part of a final agreement on dividing the tentitory, in exchange for a persuasive Palestinian commitment to our Security.

Tough call for democracy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR THE WALL IN PRE-STATE DAYS

Sir, - In his letter of December 5 about the mehitza at the Western Wall, Rabbi Michael M. Cohen, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, writes: with all due respect to Chief Rabbi Lau, the area of the Wall has not always been set up like an Orthodox synagogue. A lnok at pre-State pictures will show the ack of a mehitza..."

The writer seems to be unaware that in pre-State days, the Jews were not permitted to have a mehitza at the Wall. On Ynm Cippur of the year 5689 (autumn 1928). British police removed by force the separation between men and women on the pavement in front of the Wall. In December 1930 the report of

the commission appointed by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland appeared. With the approval of the Council of the League of Nations, it determined the rights and claims of Moslems and Jews in connection with the Wall in Jerusalem. On page 53, it states "...the Commission passes verdict that it shall be prohibited to place on the pavement in front of the Wall any screens or curtains either for separating men from women or for any other purpose_'

The conclusions of the commission were accepted and enacted by the British government. T. PRESCHEL

Jerusalem.

DONUTS

Sir. - Further to Helen Kaye's article of December 5 on doughnuts, I would like to relate another version of the Hanukka story. Judah Maccabee, on his way to the Temple Mount, bought a sufganiya at a local kiosk and was able to squeeze enough oil out of it to last eight days. JOSEPH A. RÉIF

Rishon Lezion.

CHLDREN'S BEHAVIOR

Sir, - My busband and I spent our second holiday in Jerusalem in October. There are no words to express the admiration we hold for Israel and the Israelis, and for what you have achieved since independence.

However, there was one discordant note and that concerned the behavior of schoolchildren, especially nut on school visits. One day, we went to Yad Vashem and whilst walking around the grounds, were constantly irritated and bumped into by children chattering in laud voices, running round and generally making nuisances of themselves. Whilst being out in the fresh air could be an excuse for high spirits, we found it appalling when our quiet reflection in the Hall of Remembrance was constantly disturbed by other children, a little older this time. between 12 and 15, literally shouting at the tops of their voices just

outside the entrance. A little later in the Memorial to the Children, 15 to 20 teenagers marched through, shattering our peace with chatter, singing songs and calling to each other. When asked to be quiet, they answered us back with scorn or disdain.

The guide books tell us that Israeli children are spoiled and indulged by the older generation as they symbolize the spirit and freedom of an independent Israel. We have no quarrel with this, but are they not also taught respect? Have they no respect for those who never reached Eretz Yisrael and have they no consideration or sensitivity for those of us who

wish to pay our own respects? We were not the only visitors disturbed in this way and sadly, Yad Vashem was not the only place we came across this bad behavior and it left us with some nasty memories.

MARIA DOYLE Basildon, Essex.

Mnshav Tzipori.

We have never borrowed a Torah scroll from Hoshaya. In moshay members.

Tzipori is not booming, it is carried out to varying degrees by many of the 80 families resident

Moshav Tzipori.

LIKELIHOOD OF WAR

Sir, - Your leader of December 3 states that "the limits of Egypt's belligerent stance toward Israel may have been reached for the moment

In my view, there is a very strong likelihood of full-scale warfare breaking out in a very short period between Israel and Egypt and Syria. There are no indicators to the contrary. And your optimistic declaration should be taken with a grain of salt. We are not saying that war will break out this week or next week, but it could happen far sooner than all your tators think.

Jerusalem

DANIEL BEN-YAAKOV

RELIGIOUS PRACTICES AT MOSHAV TZIPORI

Sir. - I would like to correct some inaccuracies in the Grapevine column of December 4 concerning religious practices at

fact, they have on occasion borrowed a Torah scroll from us. We have three, one of which was brought here by a member of the moshav on the back of a donkey from Kurdistan. Until 25 years ago, there were two synagogues in Tzipori - one Ashkenazi and one Sephardi. Today, services are conducted in the cultural center. where a new ark, table and paro-chet have been bought within the last twn years with donations from

While religious practice at

claims that the purpose of this confinement is not punishment DAVID ZETLER but treatment, that Kansas is thus doing Hendricks a favor

from prison.

Let's be serious: Kansas is certainly doing itself a favor by taking off the street a man who will likely commit sex crimes again. But helping him? (1) There is no cure for pedophilia. (2) Hendricks didn't ask for the treatment; and (3) he's not breezing into some outpatient clinic, he's being pad-

He is as effectively a prisoner in his psychiatric lockup as were the Soviet dissidents psychiatrically imprisoned during the glory days of the gulag.

Hendricks is, of course, nn prisoner of conscience. He is a loathsome wretch. But that is not grounds for imprisonment. The attorney-general of Kansas counters that Hendricks must be

locked up to protect the communiry. Hendricks has said that he won't stop molesting children until he dies. We know he's likely to do it again. He's got to be

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

Now, at least, we're getting a semblance of candor. Hendricks is being incarcerated prospectively for crimes he is likely to commit. But has oot yet committed! How in a constitutional democracy can you imprison someone for that? Of course Hendricks has a pen-

When a habitual sex offender has served his sentence but society doesn't want him back, what then?

chant for pedophilia. But a psychiatric diagnosis and a prediction of dangerousness - the only two conditions required for Kansas to put a person in psychiatric custody indefinitely - simply should not be grounds enough for imprisonment. If they are, what is left of due process?

After all, if we can commit pedophiles, why not habitual thieves or violent thugs, as easily diagnosed with "psychopathy" as Hendricks is with "pedophilia"? Well, asked Chief Justice William H. Rehoquist at oral arguments, is

the state of Kansas required to wait until Hendricks does it again before locking him up? The answer, unfortunately is yes. But Rehnquist's dilemma wouldn't exist were it not for the absurdity of the original sentence: 10 years for an unrepentant recidi-

vist is no less farcical than the

S2.90 fine for his inaugural

If the man had proved himself a habitual, dangerous sexual criminal what in God's name was Kansas doing sentencing him to only 10 years? (Answer. The DA

plea bargained back in '84.) And what are other such menaces - like the rapist and killer of the young woman whose parents subsequently crusaded for the Sexually Violeot Predator Act now before the Supreme Court doing out on parole?

THERE'S an easy solution to this dilemma. Lock 'em up for good the first or, at the latest, the second time. Very stiff sentences for first offenses of sexual predators. Life sentences for the second offense. Such a solution is obviously

tougher on the criminal. Hospitals are cushier than prison. A sympathetic therapist is better companionship than a beefy prison guard. The bad. You prey on children, you pay. The first duty of any legal system is justice, not social WORK.

The prison solution is superior for another reason too: honesty. The entire psychiatric cover for a second imprisonment is a sham, yet another example of the habimal recourse to medicalizing difficult social problems. The US is a country in which the

largest state just last month essentially legalized marijuana under the guise of alleviating the suffering of terminally ill cancer and AIDS patients. (In fact, anyone of any age can now get high in California on nothing more than the recommendation - not even the prescription - of a physician.) Want to legalize drugs? Fine. Make your case. But cut the pose that legalization is a medical

mercy mission. Want to protect the community from sexual predators? Fine. Lock 'em up - m jail, not hospitals and throw away the key.

No plea bargains. No parole. And no pretense that society is

seeking to cure these incurable monsters. It simply wants to ban-(c) Washington Post Writers

of the same THERE is good reason to fear 71 5g < 9 that just as the combined IDF and W (P security services were incapable of preventing the Beit El murders 1.000 F 4. despite excellent intelligence 20 MAG 11 warnings about the imminence tion by by the and probable location of the attack, it will prove virtually

exposed settlements and roads. And the population at greatest

Israeli withdrawals from the bulk of Area B, which would leave most of the Israeli settlements perilously exposed islands in a murderously-minded Palestinian Netanyahu's instinct to skip the

Arafat's opposition.

settlement. But not only did such confidence-building not develop, there was actually a regression, evident even in the last year of the previ-

If the process cannot continue

The writer comments on current

'Art' for entertainment's sake

Art by Yasmina Reza. Hebrew, Nissim Aloni. Direction, Hillel Mittelpunktch. Set, Avi Sechvi. Costumes, Orna Smorgonsky. Beit Lessin Theater at the Erez Anditorium, Ramat Aviv. Hebrew fitle: Omanut.

RT is an evening of nonstop sophisticated adult wit A stop sopnished and was performances hy a trio of what are prohably Israel's most shave and sophisticated actors. It is truly a production that mustshould not be missed. Which of us vultures for culture, highbrow or lowbrow, has not been confronted in our hot pursuit of modernism with a canvas as hlindingly hlank as virgin snow? This is the vexed theme that disrupts the friendship of three very macho males in this witty, well-turned play. It is written hyThe writer is an accomplished young female French dramatist withwho infuses the piece with sparkling wit, high-sounding intellectual input, subtle slapstick, and endless, side-splitting irony.

Deconstructionism or, as Ivan ultimately explodes, "white garbage," is put on trial for an hour and a half with hilarious results. The inimitable Yossi Banai, teamed with TV star Sasson Gabai, and the less wellknown Avi Oria, make for a piquant and rousing combination of character contrasts. Avi Oria in the role of Ivan, the compliant, henpecked and generally harassed mediator, displays a finely timed, histrionic restraint rare among ourlocal actors. Thanks to that and a refreshing, spontaneous charm, he practically steals the show from his more famous counterparts.

Direction, The fast-paced and polished direction is supported hy a hland, simple but stylish set that NAOMI DOUDAI

proves a cool background to the mad melee of ongoing antics. For intelligent if light entertainment, this production rates, I am assured by those who have seen hoth, quite as high as the English version now playing in London with Albert Finney in the lead.

Anna Galactia (Scenes from an Execution) by Howard Barker. Hebrew, Eran Baniel. Direction, Ofira Hoenig. Lighting, Judy Knpferman. Costumes, Rakefet Levy. Music, Yehuda Poliker. At the Khan Theater, Jerusalem.

WITH Anna Galactia, the Khan adhas for the first time in years mountsamounted a production that is little short of a masterpiece. Or would be that were it not for two forgivable flaws. The first, felt only at the very end, is a worrying, questionably weak finish that concludes a magnificently textured and translated play. The second - incvitable considering the limitations of local theater when it comes to highly tuned drama - relates to the general level of performance. But first

let's chalk up the wonders. What direction has painted here with remarkable virtuosity is a canvas rich in the aesthetics that glorify the Old Masters of the late Renaissance. With its hlend of Christian charitydi says ok, dramatic violence, religious passion, gruesome stigmata, and burning artistic integrity, it is a realization that that reaches above and beyond the modern message of Howard Barker's text. Originally a radio play (addwhich won the Prix Roma, in 1985) it has played in

Israel twice with Eran Baniel directing, first in a Voice of Israel drama, next as theater piece in Beit Zvi.

Ofira Hoenig's creative exploitation of the natural stone and entire architectonic environs of the old Turkish khan in which the present theater stands, is nothing less than inspired. It is the supreme in monumental sets for sure. The set is monumental too. Illuminated by a symphony of unique lighting effects by Judy Kupferman, and a collection of Rakefet Levy's rich costumes. each and every one a work of portraiture art in itself, the mise-enscene and setting addcombined with Poliker's power-music is from the very start arresting.

These constitute the leading stars in a show that is as much an exercise in period reproduction as an exciting theatrical event. There is of- course the playaddtoo. that in Howard Barker's eloquent poetic prose projects the limits to the power, aggressive daring and intellectual independence exerted hy an extraordinary woman artist.

Her struggle against the the political interests, the infinitely inferior spiritual integrity, moral pettiness and sexual enslavement of the men in her life is the central theme of the drama. The portraits that emerge from the text are memorable, even if the sequel, if intended as ironicadd, is too too subtle in impact, addand makes for a conclusion that is far from theatrically satisfactory. As tofor the actors', (Bassam Za'amut's vivid personification of the Admiral excepted) portrayal of Renaissance Venetian potentates and their courtiers, with their high artistic sensibility.

language and aristocratic airs, is herethis proves quite beyond their rhetorical powers as it is, indeed, of the average Israeli actor (Bassam Za'amut's vivid personification of the Admiral exceptedis a notable exception).

One example is Lilian Bareno's lamentable lame Renaissance cognoscenta. Failing to rise to the climax that heralds the turning point in the play, her performance helps to downplay the surprise ending and thematic reversal.

In smaller hut significantly per-In smaller but significantly performed roles are the aesthetic, genuinely gifted Ya'acov Ayali (Sordo) the striking Nir Ron (Pordo), and addthe sensitive Yoram Josefsberg (Cellmate), who number among those many precious talents too rarely utilised, presumably because too "special" for our theaters. for our theaters. Towering above them all, and

in a sense, monopolizing the stage throughout though without ever upstaging, is a leading lady powerful dimensions and unusual attractions. Fat, ugly (onstage at least) and over 50, she is, in the lusty pursuit of love, truth, and beauty, the epitome of spiritual as well as fleshly majesty and glamour. Gita Munte's Galactia is a powerful, dynamic and moving creation. Her aesthetic no less than her carnal qualities, her artist's flamboyant egocentricity, ahounding intellectual and corporal energy asand her feline sensuality and eroticism, are the nerves and sinews of this drama.

There is however, a basic lack of halance in her presentation. Emancipated womanhood with its coarse, defiant, outer display of unhridled power is here never qualified by the inner, delicately strung nervous working of the



Sasson Gabai (left), Yossi Banai (cepter) and Avi Oria bring suave sophistication to 'Art.'

Sderot brings home-grown talent to Tel Aviv

CHARLES SOLOMON

town of Sderot has, over the past decade, been witness .. to .a .musical. and .cultural phenomenon unlike anything else in Israel. Last Thursday the town showcased its music with a 12hour music marathon at Tel Aviv's Einav Cultural Center.

The event was the brainchild of musician and bandleader Haim Uliel, the prime mover and shakcr in Science's fertile music scene. together with Haim Shiran, the head of the multiethnic Inhal Center in Tel Aviv and of Radio 3. In the morning, five groops were each given a 20-minute slot to perform six songs, two of which were broadcast live on Radio 3. All showed promise, talcnt and a great amount of enthusiasru. Most of these groups start their careers hy rehearsing and performing in the town's bomh shelters, going on to play at weddings, bar mitzvas and cultural events in Sderot.

Most notable was Meditatzia, who combined songwriting flair with impressive deliverance. Siga, recent arrivals from Kazakhstan who sing in their

The Negev development received by an enthusiastic crowd even though their lyrics were lost on the Israeli audience.

The afternoon's four established groups were Ha'atzula (heavy rock): Renaissance (an interesting hlend of ethnic, mid-dle-eastern rock); Knesiat Hasechel ("art-rock"); and, most promisingly, Tanara, which has a major talent in frontman Micha Biton (whose day joh is work as a drama teacher).

Finally, a two-hour set hy the "godfathers" of Sderot's music scene, Lehakat Sfatayim, included the appearance of guests such as Izhar Ashdot, Shlomo Bar (a pioncer of cthic music in Israel). and Ehud Banai. Sfatayim, which has been together for over a dccade, plays traditional Moroccan music, welding traditional and modern styles. The group's frontman, the charismatic Uliel, is also heavily involved in helping and encouraging young Sderot musicians take their first tentative steps into the jungle

known as the music husiness. For years local musicians have looked to the outside world for inspiration, yet much can be

The dark side of Evan Dando

Car Button Cloth - THE LEMONHEADS (Hed Artzi)

van Dando must he the Brian Wilson of the '90s. Brilliantly talented, wildly eccentric and with a nasty streak of self-destructiveness. Dando scales pop beights with his charming three-minute gems, but his life is a mess.

He has released two of the decade's hrightest moments as leader - and the only constant member - of a revolving-door club called The Lemonheads. 1992's It's A Shame About Ray is a pop-punk masterpiece that sounds as fresh today as the day it was recorded. And 1993's Come On Feel The Lemonheads, while not as consistent as Ray, displayed depth, maturity and a mixing of folk and deft country accompani-

Due to Dando's teen-idol good looks and self-perpetuating flakiness, he was never accepted into "serious" rock circles, and erratic behavior and a serious drug problem have pretty much incapacitated him for the last three years. But relatively cleaned up, he's back with a vengeance on Car Button Cloth.

Dando has not lost any of his knack for writing instant pop classics. Combining early REM guitar jangle and a '60s pop sensibility, Dando's songs sound just about perfect from first listen.

But delve beneath the often kooky, yet charming, childlike lyrics, and you'll find a troubled While on Come On, Dando hint**DAVID BRINN**



The Lemonheads' Evan Dando - back with a vengeance

ed at a dark side with his two versions of "Don't Wanna Get High," here he openly reveals his deep wounds. "Losing My Mind" is so personal, it's nearly uncomfortable to listen to, while "Hospital" and "Break Me," with its beautifully delicate verses juxtaposed against a grunge chorus, reveal Dando's fragile mental state.

But it's not all an exercise in morhid introspection. Dando's shaggy-dog self-deprecating style is never more evident than on the hilarious countrified Outdoor Type" in which he admits to his outdoorsy girlfriend that he has been duping her and prefers the television to a tent.

"I never learned to swim, can't grow a beard or even fight, I lied about being the Outdoor type." But no matter whether the lyrics are lighthearted, deadly serious or just plain goofy, surrounded by Dando's impeccable pop instincts and his crack band's spunk, they become suhmerged as the melodies take on a life of their

Let's hope Dando has beaten his demons, and will continue to take us, as he offered four years ago in Roy, on his "rockin' stroll."

Spirits of the World - VARIOUS ARTISTS (Helicon)

A new-age extravaganza guaranteed to soothe and calm the most savage beast. Helicon dipped into a multitude of World music styles to come up with this enjoyable compilation.

From Enigma's radio hit Return to Innocence" to Mike Oldfield's Tuhular Bells rehash "Scutinel" to the theme songs from the films The Mission and The Piano, there are no loud noises or smashing drums to spoil the mood.

This year's Eurovision contest winner, Secret Garden's pleasant "Nocturne" is typical of this atypical collection.

People of the Song

EHUD Banai is back following a multi-year absence from the local music scene with Od Me'of ("Soon") (NMC). And it's taking the country hy storm, topping the charts and permeating the air-

Banai is probably the best there is at synthesizing Mediterranean and rock styles, and he shows no signs of tiring.

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Investigation - (premiere). Llat Sad Oranges - Barak Marshall. Dror and Nir Ben-Gal - The Company.

nvestigation hy Liat Dror and Nir Ben-Gal loses ground when it slides into philosophi-. cal spheres. The eight-monthspregnant Dror duplicates her role of Mother Earth while doing the belly dance from their successful Inta Omari, now colored hy Japanese tunes. The result is a work that holds link interest and leaves a stale taste of a rush joh.

Curtain Up, program no. 1 at Suzanne Dellal, Premieres: Nothing But - Noa Dar; Poppins - Anat Danielli; The Land of

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THREE new works hy young choreographers of the promising kind partially fulfilled expectations. Dar, the veteran of the three, has matured premendously. Dealing with the Zionist dream, she got good support from the Tractor's Revenge musicians, who played live on stage, and the highly imaginative set designer Moshik Yosipov.

Marshall hrought his mom, legendary dancer Margalit Oved. onto the stage and her vocal performance was overpowering. Poppins was sheer poetry.

Danielli inclines toward minimalism and this is her most optimistic

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native language, were warmly found on their own doorsteps. **Essence of Mozart**

CONCERT ROUNDUP

URRAY Pcrahia showed himself to be an Mozart Limmaculate pianist as he delved into the Mozart C minor (K.491) piano concerto. He revealed the true essence of the concerto, expressing all the pain, suffering and tragedy in this concerto. The tragedy is most apparent in the finale, which was played with extraordinary intensity and much

Perahia played this concerto somewhat faster than usual and gave one of the most scorching and revealing performances have attended in a long time. Monn Auditorium, Tel Aviv,

December 8 Michael Ajzenstadt

AN Ethnic Weck of Music Cultures" featured daily workshops, master classes, lectures and concerts, focusing each day on one of this country's musical traditions, such as Judeo-Spanish singing, liturgies of Eastern Orthodox churches, and Arab instruments.

The East European Klezmer tradition, represented by the ensemble of Muss Berlin, one of the genre's outstanding clarinctists, displayed the instrument's capacity of weeping, wailing, giggling, dancing and

also meditating. Meir Rosen is perhaps one of the last of the Fiddler on the Roof style violinists. Leib Ricgler's keyhoard. Menahem Herman's electric guitar, and Avi Yishai's jazzy drum set carried

authenticity to the extreme. The rich Moroccan repenoire,

which was predominantly vocal, included chanting of locally non-rhythmical Supplications (bakashot) and metrical hymns (piyyutim) of Andalusian origin with Hebrew adaptations of the original Arabic texts.

Singers Mcir Elazar Atiya and David Moyal, though sounding somewhat improvised, made the songs highly structured. Ycshuah Azulay's violin. played Arab-style on the knee,

characteristically responded in the same mclismatic style as that of the vocal performance. Jerusolem Music Center.

Sha'ananim, Mishkenot Ury Eppstein December 8-12.

GUSET conductor Avner Biran, director of the Rubin Academy. led the Sinfonietta "Classical Two" program. Unusual was Haydn's marvelously lively Sinfonia Concertante in B featuring local soloists Yaron Prensky on violin, Joel Lifshitz playing oboe, Alexander Fine on bassoon and Ya'akov Gluzman on cello. Their playing was technically flashy hut rhythmically dry, without much ruhato, or fun.

The inner voices were emphasized at the expense of the principal melody lines in Britten's Simple Symphony. The string tone was pinched.

The interpretation of Mozart's popular G minor Symphony No. 40 was another matter. Though the surface sound was stressed. the effect was dynamic.

Conservatory. Beershebo Max Stern December 14

A Korean on kibbutz

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

HERE are not many Korean girls who have visited Israel as often as harpist Jung Kwak. But in the last three years the Seoul-born harpist who currently resides in Rochester, New York, has performed several times in a land which for many years she didn't even know existed.

Kwak's Israeli affair began in 1993 when she performed as a soloist accompanying the Kibhutz Chamber Orchestra in its tour of Korea. The success of those concerts brought Kwak to Israel where she has played many times since, both with the same and other orchestras and in recitals, the last of which was at the Israel Museum last summer. Now Kwak is back for further concerts with the Kihhutz orchestra.

She also plans another visit here in 1998, in order to enter the International Harp Competition. In December 1994 Kwak attended the previous competition but did not enter upon her own choice. "In '98, when I'm 26, I will be ready for it. It's one of the most important harp competitions in the world and there was no point in coming unprepared," she says.

Kwak actually never intended to become a harpisthut instead dreamed of becoming a doctor, following a strong family tradition. "I played the piano since ago three hut I didn't love it. At 12 1 began playing the harp as a hohby hut after two years I fell in love with the instrument and I knew this would be my profession. It's simply the perfect instrument for me. My father was shocked. Hc thought it was too expensive."

At age 14 Kwak moved from Seoul to the US. "I missed my family and Korea a lot. It was weird being in Bloomington. But I worked hard as a student. That was my life." And it definitely paid off. She has since won various competitions and performed in concerts and recitals all over the

Jung Kwak plays the Mozart flute and harp concerto with flutist Ariel Zukerman and the Kihhutz Chamber Orchestra under Avi Ostrovsky tomorrow in Nahariya, Saturday in Tzavta in Tel Aviv. Sunday in Dorot and next Wednesday in Ein Hahoresh.

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US firm closes \$12m.

Israel fund

TIM QUINSON **BOSTON**

NEW England Investment Cos., which in March launched a \$12 million Growth Fund of Israel in conjunction with the B'nai B'rith organization, said it will liquidate the fund next month due to its failure to attract enough investors.

While we feel the Israeli economy remains a good long-term investment, the turmoil in the region makes it a more speculative investment than most other singlecountry funds and reduces the universe of potential investors," com-pany spokesman Lawrence Dwyer said last Friday.

The fund, which had grown by 2.5% since its inception, was closed to newcomers last Friday. Existing share holders will have their money transferred to the New England Star Worldwide Fund on January 31, unless investors request their money be returned, or transferred to another New England fund.

New England's Israel fund was launched about six months after Sunstone Financial Group of Milwaukee elosed an Israel fund because it was unable to attract

(Bloomberg Business News)

Shekem to sell its food **business** to Super-Sol

SUPER-SOL is close to finalizing an agreement whereby it will acquire Shekem's food business from Elco Holdings, a source close

to Super-Sol said yesterday. Shekem is negotiating to sell its food business as part of a restructuring program focusing on retail trade. The program was initiated in 1995, in an attempt to save the financially troubled retail department-store

Shekem is in touch with several companies engaged in the sector, the company said in an announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. "These contacts have not yet come to anything," said Shekem. Shekem discussed the sale with

Co-Op and Super-Sol but reached the serious negotiation stage only with the latter, said a source. The two companies each have an annual sales turnover of about NIS 3 billion compared with Shekem's food division which has a turnover of about NIS

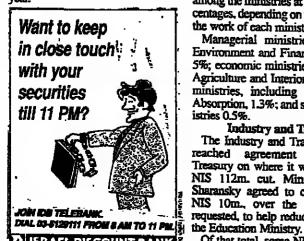
Super-Sol vice president of marketing ad purchasing Ya'acov Ginzburg confirmed that the chain has met with Elco.

Antitrust Authority director-general Yoram Turbowicz has given Elco his agreement in principle to negotiate with local supermarket chains. Once a sale agreement is reached, it will most probably be subject to various limitations so as to ensure fair market competition.

Of the 32 supermarkets owned by Shekem, the chain intends to sell about 20 stores including Super-Shekem and Hyper-Shekem stores. The package will not include the food floor in the Shekem Gallery store in Tel Aviv which is mainly aimed at middle and upper income bracket customers. Other food stores situated in rented properties, like in the Ayalon shopping mall, will also

Elco, which is controlled by businessman Gershon Zelkind, acquired Shekem through privatization in late 1994. Since then, the chain has been reconstructed to include three divisions - food, electronics and department stores, but the company contimues to suffer from heavy losses.

Shekem finished the third quarter with almost double the loss it made in the same period last year to NIS 16.6 million, compared to a loss of NIS 8.9m. in the same quarter last



Official '97 inflation target set at 7%-10%

THE inflation target for 1997 has been set at 7 percent to 10%, a goal agreed upon jointly by Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel.

The target shows little change from that set for this year - 8% to 10%. However, it is expected this year's inflation rate will total 10%-11%. Following Sunday's publication of the Navember Cansumer Price Index, inflation is running at an annual 10.58% in 1996.

Meridor told a gathering of leading man-agers that there is a chance the inflation rate can be lowcred, "if we drive correctly and with great deal nf care." If passed, the current hudget proposals will

put into force fiscal restraint, along with the current mnnetary restraint, said Meridor. If these two elemcots are matched hy eco-nomic responsibility on the part of employers

concentrate an military aircraft.

THE Treasury will come up with a

proposal to open compulsory car

insurance to compection by the

end of March, Finance Minister

Dan Meridor promised Knesset

The insurance oversight divi-

sion will do its best to examine the

situation and formulate recom-

medatioos regarding possible

alternatives for the operation of

the car insurance sector by the end

of March, 1997," Meridor wrote in

a letter to Yahalom. "I will review

these recommendations to formu-

late a policy, which will be incor-

porated into government-spon-

sored legislation as soon as possi-

In light of this letter, Yahalom,

who chairs a joint subcommittee

of the Law and Finance commit-

INTERIOR Minister Eli Suissa and

Finance Minister Dan Meridor last

night reached agreement on the final

shape of the additional cut in the

After four days of negotiations, it

was agreed 3 percent would be cut

from the ministry's direct budget,

and 1.5% from the local authorities'

The local authorities have con-

ducted a lengthy campaign against

the government's financial program,

which they say is causing intolera-

any new cuts in his budget, despite the cabinet's approval of a NIS 126

Suissa had been refusing to make

There is simply nowhere 1 can

Minister Binyamin

cut my budget," Suissa had told

Netanyahu and Finance Minister

The cabinet agreed to split the

NIS 1.2 billion in additional cuts

among the ministries at varying per-

centages, depending on the nature of

Managerial ministries, such as

Environment and Finance, will cut

5%; economic ministries, including

Agriculture and Interior, 3%; social

ministries, including Health and

Absorption, 1.3%; and security min-

Industry and Trade

The industry and Trade Ministry

reached agreement with the

Treasury on where it will make its

NIS 112m. cut. Minister Natan

Sharansky agreed to cut an extra

NIS 10m., over the NIS 102m.

requested, to help reduce the cut in

Of that total, some NIS 35m, will

Dan Meridor on Sunday night,

the work of each ministry.

hle hardship in many towns.

million cut last week.

Interior Ministry's 1997 hudget.

Law Committee chairman Shaul

Yahalom yesterday.

and the Histadrut, "inflatinn could possibly decrease even further next year," Meridor

While calling for lower inflation, the Manufacturers Association has complained nver the last two years that the Bank of Israel is nnly interested in reducing inflation, irrespective of other econnmie factors. The assoeiation hlames the industrial sector's drop in earnings on high interest rates and the freezing of the exchange rate, and says these must be

According to assneiatinn president Dan Propper the inflation rate has remained at 11%, despite Frenkel's insistence that it is

falling.
"Anyone who thinks the inflation rate will

The first Boeing 737-700 is towed to the paint shop from the hangar where it was assembled before

being presented in Boeing livery to the staff. Boeing announced a \$13.3 billion merger with McDonnell Douglas on Monday, making the partnership the world's largest aerospace company. Boeing will continue to concentrate on the civil aviation market while McDonnell Douglas will

Meridor: Plan for competition in

car insurance market by March

tees on this subject, agreed to let

the subcommittee resume work on

a bill authorizing the Avner insur-

ance fund to operate for another

Avner currently handles all com-

pulsory car insurance - including

all claims for personal injury - and

all insurance companies are

The committee's discussions

were broken off two weeks ago,

after Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair refused to let Supervisor

of Monopolies Dr. Yoram

Turbowicz express his npinion on

whether the Avner system violates

Even before this, however,

Yahalom had been demanding a

commitment such as Meridor gave

Interior Ministry agrees

to additional budget cut

and JUDY SIEGEL

required to contribute to it.

anti-trust laws.

abroad.

EVELYN GORDON yesterday in exchange for passing the bill, as he believes Avner vio-

Occupation.

efficient

lates the Basic Law: Freedom nf

Prof. Amir Barnea and former

attorney-general Michael Harisb

supported this position during

appearances before the committee.

allowing competition would

make coverage cheaper and more

As of June 30, Avner had an

accumulated deficit of NIS 660

million, down from over NIS 1

However, not all MKs agree

Subcommittee member Michael

Kleiner, for instance, said he

believes the Avner system is the

only way to ensure that the poor

get decent coverage at affordable

hillion two years earlier.

Yahalom also argued that

fall to 2%-3% by 2000 does not know what he is talking about. This is simply not possible in a monopolistic economy with many large governmeot-owned companies that are not competitive," said Propper.

The Treasury has also made a list of predic-

onns of the other key economic indicators in 1997. These were all set in late October: Economie growth at 4% of GDP.

Investment in housing construction down

Trade and service exports up 7.1%. Unemployment to rise by 0.5% to 6.9%.

While Meridor and Frenkel bave approved the target, they are scheduled to meet Primc Minister Binyamin Nenatyahu tonight to dis-euss the strategy for achieving this rate and the multi-year inflation rate until 2001, a senior Bank of Israel source reported last night.

Ilanot, Batucha complete merger

Jerusalem Post Staff

ILANOT Discount, the mutual-fund management company of the Discount Investments group, and Batucha Securities and Investments, of Clal Capital Markets, yesterday signed a merger agreement.

The two companies, whose combined portfolios last year totalled more than \$2.5 billion., will conclude their merger at the start of 1997, thus creating Israel's largest investment-management from.

The merger will be based on an equal partnership in which Discount and Clal each will have a 50 percent stake. According to the agreement, full ownership of Ilanot Discount will be transferred to Batucha and, in exchange, Batucha shares will be... TEFAHOT Israel Mortgage Bank intends to raise capital via a sec-

Following the merger, the new firm will have an equity capital of NIS 130m. and manage total assets nf about NIS 3.5b.

Gov't makes calculation error in int'l calls tender

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Communications Ministry tender board, which last month unanimously awarded the Kavei Zahav and Barak consortia the right to provide overseas dialling services to competition with Bezeq, committed an "arithmetical error" involving a fraction of a point, but this did nnt change the results of the tender, the ministry

said yesterday. The Dolphine consortium (comprised of BellSouth USA, Safra, Discount Investments, TellGlobe Canada, Israest and Pioterkovsky) had appealed the results of the tender, in which it was rated number three and thus a loser, last month. But when the tender board reassembled yesterday morning at the request nf Communications Minister Limor Livnat, members realized that Dolphine should have been 0.15 points behind Barak (number 2) instead of 0.13 points, as released in the official tender results.

Livnat was not happy about the error and asked for an examination of its cause.

Tourism slump led to hotel layoffs

HUNDREDS of botel workers have been fired in Jerusalem and there is danger of another wave of dismissals, according to Yonatan Harpaz, director of the Jerusalem Hotel Association,

drop in foreign tourists this year. average hotel occupancy has ranged from 30 percent to 40% during the beginning of December. Harpaz was speaking at a press conference to announce

In addition to discounts, hotels in the city are offering reductions and free entry to cultural events and historic sites, free meals and free additional nights. The association has set up a special toll free number (177-022-3424) for those seeking information about the

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Industry and Trade Ministry announces plan for Ofakian: Following Vishay Intertechnology's October decision not to open a Following Vishay Intertechnology's October decision not to open a new plant in Ofakim, the Industry and Trade Ministry announced yesterday a package of measures for the development town with one of Israel's highest unemployment rates. Among the projects approved by the Investments Center are the construction of a \$20 approved by the Investments Center are the construction of a \$20 million. plastics factory by Keter Plastie, which will employ 70 to 100 people; the expansion of ECI Telcom Ltd.'s factory, increasing its workforce from 170 to 470; and the establishment of a new David Harris

Eitan names panel to prepare a program for development of villages in the 21st century. The ream will examine the social and economic lives of kibbutzim, moshavim and other small settlements. Initial recommendations must be presented to Eitan within six months. The committee will be chaired by Economic and Village Planning Authority director Mordechai Cohen.

David Harr

Azerbaijan investments agency reps are in Israel this week to learn how to encourage foreign entrepreneurs to invest in their domestie economy.

The group, bere under the auspices of the United Nations, is the guest of the Center for Business Promotion unit of the Industry and

Israel, Italy sign agreement on statistical information cooperation.

The memorandum of understanding was signed by Government
Statistician Joseph Yahav and Italian National Institute of Statistics director-general Paolo Garonna at the weekend.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat leaves for Budapest today at the invitation of her Hungarian counterpart, Karoly Lutz. She will be accompanied by a large delegation of telecommunications specialists from Bezeq, Tadiran, Aurek and other companies. Livnat will discuss satellite communications and encourage the Hungarians to purchase Israeli telecommunications equipment. Israelis have invested some \$500 million in Hungary so far.

Judy Stepe

Postal rates rise by an average of 6% today, following approval yesterday by the Knesset Economics Committee. The cost of a regular domestic letter will be NIS 1.10 instead of NIS 1.05, but the fee for sending a package to soldiers will drop by 19.3% to NIS 7.10. The eost of an aerogram will be NIS 1.30 (up from NIS 1.20),

sending a regular package up to 20 kilos inside Israel will cost NIS 9.80 (instead of NIS 8.50); registering a piece of mail NIS 3.90 (NIS 3.60); and an airmail letter up to 20 grams to the US NIS 2 (NIS 1.90). An airmail letter to Europe now costs NIS 1.70 (NIS 1.60), and a domestic telegram NIS 19.90 (NIS 18.50). Judy Siegel

Bank Tefahot to tap secondary market

ondary mortgage market, in an attempt to raise long-term financ-

ing.

During the last few months many of the mortgage banks have experienced bardships in raising long-term capital resources because of the crisis that developed in the capital market in 1996. As a result of the public's large withdrawals from the provident funds, most of the commercial banks have reached their lending limits to mortgage banks. The funds assets are necessary to guar-

antee long-term lending. Tefahot yesterday said it has entered discussinns with several professional companies about an

arrangement whereby it will sell them morrage-backed securities in return for long-term loans. The bank said it will sell loans to a third party which issues securities traded on the exchange against

The bank expects to complete the first transaction at the start of

Two years ago Tefahot had already forecasted mortgage banks would experience difficulties in raising long-term capital, a development which will force them to seek alternative channels to raise capital.

Raising capital through the secondary market is particularly popular in America," said Bank

Bezeq may install ISDN lines in all new homes

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEQ has begun to look into the possibility of installing integrated service digital network (ISDN) lines instead of conventional phone lines into all new homes to allow simultaneous access to the Internet and multimedia services, outgoing Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kanl said Kaul added that the installation of ISDN lines is "a bit more expensive

- about 50 percent more" than regular lines, but it is several times more useful and effectively functions like two phone lines. An ISDN line allows users to make a phone call, surf the Internet and send a fax over the same line simultaneously. Speaking at an Internet conference in Kfar Hamaccabiah, Kaul said the

country is moving from a period of inadequate information and a surplus of infrastructure to one of an oversupply of data and a shortage of infra-structure, but one in which Bezeq will face competition.

Bezeq will reconsider its investments in infrastructure, especially when it seems competition will focus in high-demand areas (rather than the periphery). The trend is to integrate infrastructure: regular phones, cellular phones, cables, satellite transmissions, data transmissions and

SPACE MONEY WARKETS Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (11.9.96) Currency (deposit for:) SHTHOM E 6 MONTHS

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come out of the Chief Scientist's R&D budget, NIS 19m. from spending on industry infrastructure for medical treatment for in development towns, with much VIPs (current nf the remainder enming from former equipment purchases. The ministry ministers and will also scale down its aid to MKs) will be reduced by NIS 1 million (to NIS exporters and reduce its activities 4m.), while its allocations for public The Defense Ministry, however, health programs, special grants for has still to decide where from where it will cut the required NIS 150m. functioning of ministry headquar-Sources in the Treasury said they are ters will be cut by NIS 3m. The Health Ministry last night finalized a plan, approved by the

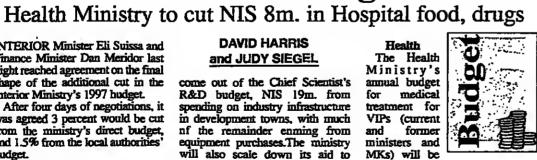
confident the details will soon be finalized, adding that as far as the Treasury is concerned, this is an internal Defense Ministry matter. Tourism development programs will take the brunt of the NIS 22m. cut in the Tourism Ministry budget.

This was the result of Sunday night's meeting between Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, Netanyahu, and Meridor.

The three agreed that following the dramatic fall in tourism this year, it would be wrong for cuts to be made in the tourism marketing bud-Senior Tourism Ministry officials

will spend the coming days deciding where exactly the savings will be made. "We don't have many choices," Ministry spokeswoman Orly Doron said. "Should we make the cut in our Negev project, archeology, or Nazareth [2000]? At the moment it seems likely the cuts will come in all development activities." The final decision will be made by Katsav, without having to refer back to the Treasury or Prime Minister's

The Health Ministry's annual budget



Treasury, for cutting its budget by NIS 26m. Health Minister Yehoshua. Matza said the effects of the reduction were "relatively minimal" but represented the ministry's part in the national effort for economic recov-

A total of NIS 6m. would be cut from wages in government hospitals; this would necessitate a reduction of 34 job slots and 40 manmonths of work (mostly nontenured staffers oo private contracts). Hospitals will also have to cut their food and drug expenses by NIS 8m.

In addition, the development budget for building and renovation will be cut by NIS 3m. and training programs by NIS 5m. Ministry spokesman Efie Lahav

said allocations for special medical treatment for VIPs are a long tradition in the government and could not be eliminated completely. He said the cut in hospital medications and food would affect "extras" and

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He said that as a result of the

a campaign offering special deals to Israelis vacationing in the capi-

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SHARES elosed almost unchanged yesterday in selective trading as investors cheered the low

November consumer price index

hut expressed concerns about the political situation, dealers said. The CPI rose 0.6 percent against a rise of 0.8% in October. The Two-Sided Index rose 0.05%, or 0.10 points, to 205.79 on

all-share turnover of NIS 78 million, against NIS 70m. on Sunday. The Maof Index gained 0.01% to

"Investors are sitting on the fence. The low CPI figure is very encouraging but the political situa-tion is unclear," said Doron Tsur, head of research at Sahar

+0.01% Maof index Securities.

Elron Electronie Industries Ltd. rose 1.75% to 12,408. Salomon Brothers said yesterday that it was retaining its strong buy recommendation for the company, saying that Elron was trading at a 32% discount to a net asset value based on its analysis of future earnings in group companies.

The most active shares were Koor Industries, which gained 0.5% to 27,796 on volume of NIS 3.7m.; Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, which rose 0.25% to 151,439 on volume of NIS 3.6m. 151,439 on volume of NIS 3.6m.; and Supersol, which gained 0.75% to 7,968 on turnover of NIS 3.4m.

London shares end slightly higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - Sbares ended modestly higher yesterday. underpinned by a firmer Wall Street, but trading volumes were thin as investors remained wary about a possible near-term US

sell-off, dealers said.
The FTSE 100 ended 21.4 points higher at 3,993.8.

FRANKFURT - German shares closed two percent higher on the back of dollar and bond market strength, but dealers said volumes were low and investors still nervous after recent plunges in global share markets.

The DAX-30 Index of leading German shares ended bourse trade 56.08 points higher at 2,855.79 as the dollar's rise boosted the export-sensitive numerous German stocks. In post-bourse trade the index rose 25.39 to

PARIS - French stocks rebounded in line with other European stock and bond markets after EU leaders agreed on a stability pact

for monetary union.
he blue-chip CAC-40 Index finished up 19.16 points at 2,222.57.
ZURICH - Swiss shares ended firmer in quiet trade following an early jump and a subsequent sideways movement throughout the

day. Volume was light. The all-share SP1 added 17.04

points to 2,471.71. TOKYO - Tokyo stocks ended lethargic trade slightly higher. Some investors hunted for bargains after sharp sell-offs last

The key 225-issue Nikkei average was up 80.65 points to finish at 20,422.04.
HONG KONG - Hong Kong's

blue chips ended with solid gains after gathering momentum during the afternoon following heavy losses last week.

The Hang Seng Index ended 153.41 points higher at 12,937.48 after dropping 318.66 points last week.

SYDNEY - Australian shares finished at their highs for the session as telieved investors went on the hunt for bargains.

The key share market barometer, the all ordinaries index, elosed 19.8 points up at 2,336.3, its ses-

sion high.
JOHANNESBURG - South

African stocks were closed for a market holiday. On Friday the Industrial Index was off 132.2 points to 7,682.5, the all-share lost 124.5 to 6,482.5 and golds were down 21.6 to 1,511.6.

Blue chips dragged lower by weak technology shares

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Blue-chip stocks closed lower yesterday as a

sharp drop in technology shares out short the market's rally propelled by news of Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp.'s mega merger.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended down 36.52 points at 6,268.35 after a drop of more than 50 points activated the New York Stock Exchange's limits on program trading. In the broader market, declining issues beat advances 2-1 on active volume of 452 million shares on the NYSE.

AYALON

(Continued from Page 1) elaborate on the issue following yesterday's session of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, reaffirming only his contention that he accepted full responsibility for the decision to open the tunnel.

The responsibility is mine. 1 said what I said regarding certain assessments that I received from some of of the security forces, and I have no intention of elaborating. Anyone who wants to believe [me] will, and anyone who doesn't, won't believe."

Likud MK and former deputy GSS head Gideon Ezra supported Netanyahu's statement that he had been encouraged to open the tunnel by the security establishment. And a highly-placed source close to the prime minister said last night that "if anything, Netanyahu was resorting to understatement when he said he was encouraged to open the Western Wall Tunnel."

The source based his comment on transcripts of a lengthy meeting prior to the decision to open the tunnel.

The source said be had gone over detailed transcripts of a very lengthy meeting in Netanyahu's office "a very short time before the opening of the namel. The deliberation was very prolonged, very detailed, and very thorough and exhaustive. Over and over, Netanyahu asked whether the tun-

nel should be opened at all. "Again and again he was answered, unmistakahly and

unequivocally, in the affirmative, with words like 'sure,' or 'let's do it already,' and with a variety of arguments, including the boost the move would give local Arab merchants. There were no warnings about impending riots. only that some people are sure to make

The source said that Netanyahu, according to the transcripts, repeatedly asked: "Are you sure about the timing?"

Again and again, the source said. Netanyahu was told that there was no particular problem about the timing, that no time is better than another, that there is never a perfect time in the Middle

Political observers last night said that Ayalon had to issue the statement he did, lest the transcripts be made public. Had that happened, he would have been placed in an untenable situation, which might have left him no

option but to resign. Opposition members of the Knesset committee attacked Netanyahu for his Sunday night statement that the security forces had encouraged him open up the tunnel. Uzi Baram (Labor) accused him of "telling the public things which hide one fact: the security threat to the existence of

the State." Several opposition MKs asked for a new examination into the decision-making process leading up to the tunnel opening and subsequent riots.

ST LOUIS - Alexander Mogilny and Pavel Bure, reunited for just the second time this season, comhined for five goals and Corey Hirsch stopped 42 shots for his second shutout as the Vancouver Canucks belted the Blues 8-0.

Mogilny recorded his first hat trick of the season and Bure snapped out of a scoring slump with two goals and three assists, helping Vancouver (15-14-1) hreak a three-game skid.

"l1's all a matter of timing. Some days they go in and some days they don't. Mogilny said. "We got a lot of open ice. so we don't want to get carried away with this. They left Grant Fuhr all hy himself. It wasn't really his fault. It's kind of sad."

The Blues (15-16-1) suffered their fifth straight home loss and their worst shutout defeat since an 8-0 whitewash at the hands of the EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston Bruins in March 1974.

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We have to come to a realization, hopefully sooner than later, that we have to have a commitment from our best players," said St. Louis coach Mike Keenan. 'We didn't get much from our hest players, including Brett Hull. Right now, they're not dedicated.

The future of the team is quesuonable, not very hright."
Blackhawks 2, Penguins 1

Defenseman Keith Carney's tiehreaking goal with 1:12 left in regulation gave host Chicago the vic-

Blackhawks' second victory snapped Pittshurgh's six-game winning and 10-game unbeaten streaks. Pitthurgh's Jason Woolley and

Chicago's Tony Amonte also The Penguins hadn't been held

to one goal since a 2-1 loss at Boston on November 14. (Reuler, AP)

SUNDAY'S RESULTS: Florida 6, Edmooton 3 Dailas 4, Ottawa 9 Vancouver 8, St. Louis 0 hia 6, Boston (

SPORTS BRIEFS

Eriksson named next Blackburn coach

Sampdoria coach Sveo Goran Eriksson was named as the new manager of former English champions Blackburn Rovers yesterday - although he will not join the club until next July. Blackburn said caretaker-manager Tony Parkes would remain in charge for the rest of the season.

Blackburn, English champions in 1995 with Kenny Dalglish at the belm, finished seventh last season under manager Ray Harford.

Weah banned for six games

FIFA fair play ambassador George Weah had 3 one-match ban for head-butting a Portuguese opponent extended to six games

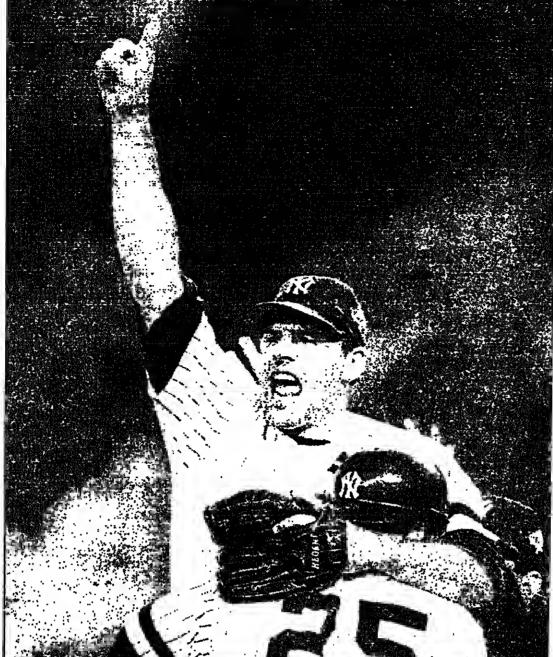
AC Milan's Liberian striker was handed a six-match suspension after a special investigation by UEFA into the head-hutting

meident last month in Portugal. UEFA had originally suspended Weah for one match while they launched an inquiry into the incident which took place in the players' tunoel after last month's Champions' League match with

Flyers acquire Coffey from Whalers
The Philadelphia Flyers completed the much-anticipated trade for

Paul Coffey on Sunday, acquiring the NHL's all-time leading scorer among defensemen from the Hartford Whalers.

The Flyers sent the Whalers defenseman Kevin Haller and two 1997 draft picks, including a first round selection, in return for the 35-year-old Coffey.



WORLD CLASS - World Series MVP John Wetteland has reportedly closed a deal with the Texas

Report: Wetteland joins Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) – John Wetteland, the relief pitcher whose MVP performance helped the successful on 43 of 47 save chances. Henneman, 35, New York Yankees win the World Series, is headed for Texas.

A source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press that the free agent pitcher is close to signing 3 deal with the Texas Rangers. Media outlets in Texas and New York, however, say he has already agreed to a contract with the Rangers.

Newspapers in Texas - The Dollas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram - and three New York newspapers - The New York Times, Doily News and New York Post - reported yesterday that Wetteland and the Rangers came to terms Sunday night. "Anyone who knows me knows I wanted to get

something done and get on with my life," Wetteland told The New York Times, "I throw fastballs and I have that attitude in a lot of other things. The decision came down to me. It's oot that they didn't do this or do that. I am oot that kind of person."

and Daily News said Wetteland will receive a fouryear, \$23 million deal. Meanwhile, The New York Post and Dallas-Fort Worth television station KXAS. also citing unidentified sources, put the deal at \$21 million over four years.

The deal would fill the Rangers' greatest need - a top reliever. At the same time, the Yankees would lose another key player from the team that won the

Texas has been seeking a closer since Mike Henneman filed for free agency after recording a career-high 31 saves.

Wetteland, 30, led the AL with 43 saves and was 2-

was 0-7 with a career-high 5.07 ERA despite his 31

Wetteland, who made \$4 million last season, turned down a \$4.6 million player option after the Yankees beat Atlanta for the championship. Wetteland became the first pitcher ever to record four saves in a World

Without Wetteland, the Yankees would move star setup man Mariano Rivera into the closer's role. Rivera was 8-3 with a 2.09 ERA, along with 130 strikeouts in 107 2/3 innings, in his first full season in

"I think Rivera deserves the opportunity to take over that role, hut we'll only know if he's ready physically when we try it," Yankees manager Joe Torre told *The Daily News*. "He definitely has the stomach for it, but he is not as durable as John. ... I'm goiog to miss John a lot. Personally I got very close to him. He conducted himself as a professional at all times."

The Yankees, whose \$66 million payroll last season was the highest in the majors. lost out Friday in their hid to sign free agent Roger Clemens. Recently, Jimmy Key, who won the clinching Game 6 of the World Series for the Yankees, left New York and signed with Baltimore.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said last week he hadn't made any firm offers to Wetteland or David Wells, a starting pitcher that New York covets. But Wells and Steinhrenner met during the weekend in Tampa, and the pitcher's agent said he expected an offer from the owner shortly.

Bogus Israeli weightlifter gets off light

WEIGHTLIFTING: The sentence handed down to weightlifter Vacislav Ivanovsky, whose fictitious marriage allowed him a ticket to the Olympics, was relatively light a year's prison sentence suspended and deportation from Israel after he testifies in the trial of his coach, Moshe Brena.

Vacislav's hrother, Alex, landed himself with a seven-month suspended sentence and a NIS 5,000 fine (the same sum Vacislay's wife received as part of the deal) while Olga, the wife, or prostitute as was later exposed, received a year's suspended sentence and a NIS 10,000 fine.

OLYMPIC CONFERENCE: The 'Process of Training and Competition in view of the Atlanta Olympic Games' will be the subject of the post-Olympic sympo-sium to be held at the Wingate Institute under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee. About 350 experts are expected to attend and among those already registered are Prince Alexander de Merode from Monaco, IOC Sports Director Gilbert Felli and Israel's representative on the IOC, Alex Giladyl.

Various top level coaches from around the world will also be present as well as delegates from Jordan and Morocco. The conference will be held from December

TAEKWANDO: A record mimber of 525 taekwando enthusiasts from 46 cluhs, including 100 girls, collected at Kibbutz Tzor'a for the annual championships last week. The high standard was marked by the fact that Canadian Raz Keshlash, trying for a ticket to the World Championships, lost to Loik Lalum, an immigrant from France, in the final of the 70 kilogram category. Other outstanding athletes were Tomer Almog, Erez Ha'aroni and Yonatan Wahl while Tamar Golan, the hope for the Sydney Olympics, was unparalleled among the women.

TABLE TENNIS: The national men's table tennis team, in a bid to advance to Level A of the

European Nations Championships, failed badly on two successive days. The team of Isak Abramov, Erez Sela, Yaniv Sharon, Itai Ben-Ari and Shimon Rabinovich had nothing against Russia's superiority and were beaten 4-0 at both meetings in

SWIMMING: That they didn't take him to Atlanta has luckily not affected young Mickey Halika's ability. At a competition in Jerusalem last week, the swimmer clocked 2:08.72 in the 200 meters individual medley and 2:22.40 in the 200m breastroke. Yoav Bruck, part of the victorious Olympic relay team, swam the 100m freestyle in 52.64 and the 100m hutterfly in 59.00.

TENNIS: In preparing for the Australian Open which starts January 13 in Melbourne, Eyal Erlich left this week for a training camp in Miami with coach Dedi Ya'acov. Israelis trying their luck in the qualifying rounds in Melbourne will be Eyal Ran, Erlich, Nir Welgreen and Noam Behr while Anna Smashnova and Hila Rosen will be among the women hopefuls.

Comparing year-end rankings of 1995 and 1996 show a slight improvement among the local players: Ran moves from 160 last year to 154, Behr from 304 to 296, Welgreen is up from 445 to 265 and Raviv Weidenfeld jumps the most, from 798 to 277.

FOOD FOR SPORT: It may be just what Israel's athletes have been lacking - that extra hurst of energy. Developed by the Wingate Institute and Dr. Green, and manufactured hy Solo, 'Spower' is a range of all-oatural products researched by doctors and nutritionists for overall enhanced performance, from sports fields to army bases.

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Wimbledon's Jones fined for not-so-funny humor piece

LONDON (Reuter) - Wimhledon's Vinnie Jones was fined a week's pay by his Wimbledon club yesterday for writing a mocking newspaper article that offended his teammates.

The rebellious Wales international has also apologized individually to every squad member in the Premier League club and agreed to donate his £2,000 fee from the paper to the players' pool.
"I am also upset that I have upset their families," said Jones after he

was summoned by manager Joe Kinnear and chairman Sam

His story assessed his colleagues on their abilities at the har and on the carwalk, as well as in a "ruck" (fight).

Kansas, Wake Forest, Kentucky stay 1-2-3; Marlyland debuts at 25

Wake Forest and Kentucky held the top three spots in the college basketball poll yesterday, while Maryland jumped into the rankings for the first time this season at

The Jayhawks (9-0) were the runaway No. 1 choice for the third straight week, receiving 66 firstplace votes and 1,770 points from the medie panel.

Wake Forest (7-0) was again the only other team to receive a No. 1 vote. The Demon Deacons had five and 1,703 points, 86 more than Kentucky (7-1).

The big three all won hig last week, going a combined 5-0 with the closest game being a 24-point

Michigan moved up one spot to fourth and lowa State made the same climh to No. 5. Arizona

moved up two places to sixth and Cincinnati held No. 7.

Clemson, which was 10th last week, moved to No. 8, while Utah held ninth. Villanova, which lost its first game of the season to Duke on Saturday, dropped from No. 4 to round out the Top Ten. Duke jumped three spots to 11th

and was followed by North Carolina, Indiana, Texas, New Mexico, Minnesota, Xavier of

Ohio, Louisville, Arkansas and their most impressive of the sea-Alabama.

The last five spots weot to Fresno State, Stanford, Texas Tech, UCLA and the newcomer, Maryland.

The Terrapins (7-0) were ranked for the first three weeks of last season, reaching as high as 14th before dropping out for the rest of the year on the way to a 17-13 record. The last three wins are

California, George Washington and Georgia Tech.

Boston College (4-1) fell from the rankings despite winning its only game of the week, 59-52 over Vanderbill. The only loss for the Eagles, who were ranked 25th last week, was to Connecticut.

The week's higgest jumps were the four-place improvements by No. 18 Louisville and No. 20 Alabama. Louisville (6-0) beat Dayton and Purdue last week.

while the Crimson Tide (8-0) beat Western Carolina.

The higgest drop Villanova's six-place fall to 10th, although No. 21 Fresno State and No. 23 Texas Tech each fell five spots after losses in the state of Texas. Fresno State lost at Texas in the third game of a 10-game road trip that ends January 6, while Texas Tech lost at Texas Christian in a matchup of former Southwest Conference members.

trial over Senna death ROME (Reuter) - Formula One

team chief Frank Williams and five other officials will go on trial in Italy next February charged with manslaughter over the death of driver Ayrton Senna, Williams's Italian lawyer said yesterday. Lawyer Roberto Causo said

Race chief

to face

the trial was scheduled to open on February 20 before in Imola, where Senna, a Brazilian, was killed in a crash during the San Marino Grand Prix on May 1, 1994.

"We deny the charges absolutely," Causo said. He would not say whether any of his clients would attend the trial or exercise their right under Italian law to stay

away. Also charged with manslaughter are Impla race track director Federico Bendinelli and a former track official, Giorgio Poggi. They, too, deny the charges.

"We will attempt to show that the race track bore no responsibility for what happened," one of their lawyers, Roberto Landi, said by telephone from Bologna central Italy.

An expert report for Bologna prosecutor Maurizio Passarini, who led investigations into Senna's death, concluded that the car's steering column had been modified and snapped as a result of a poor weld as the vehicle took the curve.

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in exciting programs. Tonight (8:30) at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv the festivities open with music director Zubin Mehta leading his musicians in Noam Sheriff's Festive Overture and Richard Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel Murray Perahia plays Beethoven's fourth piano concerto while Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman are the soloists in Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola. Tomorrow, at the same time and the same locale, Zukerman and Perlman play Vivaldi's concerto for two violins, Yefini Bronfman plays Liszt's second piano concerto, Mischa Maisky plays Bloch's Schelomo while Mehta leads the orchestra in Schubert's Unfinished Symphony.



HELEN KAYE

DANCER/CHOREOGRAPHER Sally-Anne Friedland's Collections addresses gender relationships, growing up, dreams and so on - in short all the funny, wry, innocent and the always-ironic business of living. The piece has a touching and compelling immediacy that leaves a residue in the mind. It's part of Curtain Up/International Exposure at the Suzanne Dellal Center on the mainstage ionight зt

FILM

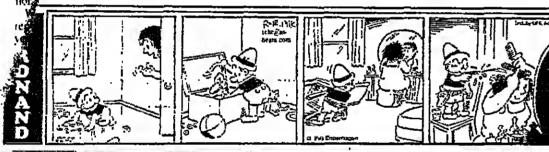
ADINA HOFFMAN

** THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS & DOGS ichael Lehmann directed this fresh, female orking of Cyrano de Bergerae, which stars ane Garofalo as a dry wit of a vet with her a radio call-in show, Uma Thurman as her et, empty-headed fashion-model neighbor, and ad an Chaplin as the man who gets confused and s for both of them (he thinks the doctor's voice where ongs to the model's body! While the suspenin of disbelief required to buy the outlandish erviine often feels more willed than willing, the

60th anniversary celebrations. film maintains most of its feathery charm throughout - in large part because the director understands the extremely slight, basically improbable nature of the tale he's telling, and never pushes it. Audrey Welles wrote the clever script. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance sug-

Pinchas Zukerman plays Mozart as part of the IPO's

*** COURAGE UNDER FIRE - The first attempt by mainstream Hollywood to reckon seriously with the Gulf War, Edward Zwick's film boasts an intriguing narrative structure and several characters of real buman fallibility and strength. Denzel Washington stars as Lt.-Col. Serling, a former armored tank commander assigned to review the file of a late helicopter pilot (played in flashbacks by Meg Ryan), killed during a rescue mission and the first woman ever to be nominated for the Medal of Honor. While it's plain that Serling's job is a mere formality, his work grows increasingly difficult when he starts talking with the members of her crew. Each of the soldiers recounts, Rashomon-style, a totally different version of the same events, and it becomes Serling's job to sort out the "truth" from these clashing accounts. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles, Parental guidance very strongly advised.)



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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- 1 A copper rotlection? (6.5) 8 Names said to be used for morintains (11)
- 11 Where barristers get retreshers? 4) 12 liits back in fight (4)
- 13 Retribution seems in fashion (7)
- 15 Found on a billiard table, it
- may be used for a rest (7) 16 Mountains in some volume
- 17 Retiring city politician gets
- behind (4) 18 We object to journalist

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- being employed (4) 19 Actual number in the kingdom 51
- 21 Intrude clumsily, lacking experience (7) 22 At the weekend a chair is
- put out in Pakistan (7) 23 Sailors of the Tsar (4) 26 A stake in a buoyant economy (4)
- 27 It assists the diver to go up rather than down (11)
- 28 One of the family takes the ·veil in religious order (11)
- DOWN 2 Oh dear-nothing works

- 3 Changes in it are due to
- inactivity (7)
- 4 Badly made cheese (4)
- 5 Portentous doctor lifted one with commonsense (7)

SOLUTIONS Saturday's Quick Solution

6 Crooked N.C.O.'s swindles

7 Eating habits (6,5)

9 Half a mo' (5,6)

lively horse (5)

8 Wind instruments (11)

mechanically (5-6)

10 He picks things up

14 Skinhead drove off on a

15 Fill cracks with filler or

19 He doesn't believe in

20 A short distance covered by light aircraft or old jumbo

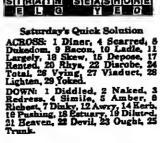
25 Look round to leg, perhaps

26 A group of sailors love being on the river (4)

stopper, we hear (5)

anything fancy (7)

24 Pointed reminder (4)



DOWN

1 Safe (6)

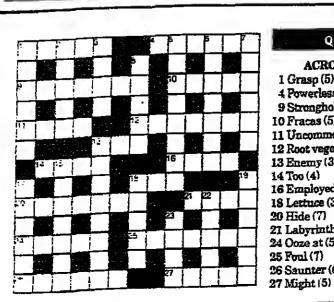
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5 Many (8)

'6 Poise (7)

7 Immune (6)

3 Whirlpool (4)



QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 Grasp (5) 4 Powerless (6) 9 Stronghold (7)
- 10 Fracas (5) 11 Uncommon (4) 12 Root vegetable (7) 13 Enemy (3)
- 14 Too (4) 16 Employed (4) 18 Lettuce (3) 20 Hide (7)
- 21 Labyrinth (4) 24 Ooze at (5) 25 Foul (7) 26 Saunter (6)
- 8 Inclination (5) 13 Predict (8) 15 Varnish (7) 17 Appraise (6) 18 Stop (5) 19 Offer (6) 22 Permit (5)

23 Leap (4)

TELEVISION

6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

9:00 Moses in Jewish Tradition 8:30 Family Ties 9:00 Reading 9:30 Health 9:45 Programs for the very young 10:15 French 10:30 Mathematics 10:40 Literature 11:15 Science 11:30 Science and Technology 12:00 Geography 12:30 Everything's Open 13:00 The Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:25 Kitty Cal and Tommy 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gili 15:00 Zombil

TICHANNEL 1

15:30 Tinytown Tales 15:50 Booly 16:00 The Mysterious Island 16:25 What's the Noise? - classical music 19:45 Super Ben 16:55 Zap to Basel 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Shakeup - live show 18:15 News in

ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Apropo 19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 News flash 19:31 Aliens in the Family 20:00 News 20:50 Lotto results live 20:55 Mine Host Meni Pe'er 22:00 Painted Babies [1996] - BBC documentary about beauty contests for little girls. The program follows the preparations of two lamilies with daughs under five for a beauty contest in the southern United States 23:00 Ladinostaloia - Ladino songs 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of

■ CHANNEL 2

13:00 Doogle Howser, MD 13:30 Blossom 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Junior News news magazine for youth 15:00 Aladdin adventure series 19:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Ral Reshet 17:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air 18:00 My So-Called Life 19:00 Hartzufim 19:20 The Price is Right 20:00 News 20:30 Behind the Scenes of Ramat Aviv Girmmel 21:05 Fact with Ilana Dayan 22:00 Gov Night 23:15 The X-Files 00:00 News 00:05 The X-Files 00:19 Night Encounters with Kobi Medan 00:55 Fortuna (Hebrew, 1966) a young girl in Dimona is waiting for a mar to come and take her away. Will her father let her choose the man she loves or force her to marry the man he chose back in

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Algeria? With Yossi Banar, Gila Alamgor and Avraham Mor. Directed by Menahem Golan. (105 mins.) 2:55 Birdsong - concert com-posed by Shlomo Granich 4:05 On the

Edge of the Shelf

14:05 Budgie, the Little Helicopter 14:20 Captain Planel 14:40 I Love Lucy 15:00 French programs 16:00 At the Zoo 16:30 Documentary 17:00 News flash 17:02 Fun with Physics 17:15 Cyclone Tracy 18:00 French programs 19:30 News headlines 19:35 Murphy Brown 20:00 Magazine 01 20:30 Encounter 21:10 Lost Civilizations 22:00 News in English 22:30 China Beach 23:15 Mission Impossible 00:00 Are You Being Served?

MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 Quantum Shopping 8:00 TV Shop 14:30 700 Club 15:00 Larry King 16:00 Hunter 16:55 Femily Challenge 17:45 Family Matters 18:10 Saved by the Bell 18:35 Day and Date 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 American Football 23:00 CNN 23:30 700 Club 00:00 TV Shop 2:00 Quantum Shopping 3:00 TV Shop

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■ ITV 3 (33)

18:00 Cartoons 16:30 Things That Can't Be Sold 17:15 From Day to Day 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Video Clops 20:00 News 20:45 Rumpole of the Bailey 21:40 Showcase 22:15 Cinema magazine 23:15 The Mayor of Casterbridge - miniseries based on Thomas Hardy's classic novel Part 5

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Wonder Years 18:00 Mathematics for Bagnut 17:00 Mathematics in Daily Life 17:35 Bush Tucker 18:00 Family Album 18:30 Blitz on Cartoons 19:00 Moses in Jewish Tradition 19:30 Family Ties 20:00 A New Evening 20:30 Welcome to France 21:00 Star Treic The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Movie Manic 22:30 Pere Lachaise - documentary about the famous cemetery in Paris 23:30 Shakespe

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perta Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:10 Burker's Law 15:00 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 15:40 Dallas Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 la Negra 20:50 Beverly Hills 90210 21:40 Dalva (1995) - drama with Farrah Fawcett about a girl who gets pregnant by her stepbrother and gives the baby up for adoption. Twenty years later, she must face the past (88 mlns.) 23:20 The Larry Sanders Show 23:45 Law and Order 00:30 Silk Stalkings 1:20 North of 60

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Death Before Dawn (1992) (rpt) 13:10 The Divorce of Lady X (1938) – British com-edy with Lawrence Ofivier (rpt) 14:40 Ad Madness 15:10 Vanished Without a Trace (1992) (rpt) 16:45 The Dead (1987) – John Huston's adaptation of a story by Jernes Joyce (rpf) 16:05 Special Report on Steepers 16:35 Windprints (1989) – supernatural murder in Airica (rpt) 20:15 Step Kids (1991) - Coming-ol-age film about a girl who escapes into the woods (99 mins.) 22:00 Law of the Jungle (1995) - martial arts (97 mins.) 23:35 Posse (1993) -Western about a group of black soldiers (107 mins.) 1:25 Save Me (1993) - erotic suspense (89 mins.) 3:00 Jimmy Reardon (1988) (rpt)

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E CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:00 Coure Mano 9:30 The Center of Things 9:45 Pink Parither Show 10:05 The Center of Things 10:20 Ocean Girl 11:05 Mirror Adjustments 11:35 Little University 12:00 Shesh-Tus 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:15 Popcomia 13:45 Tasmania 14:05 Jin Jin and the Panda Patrol 14:30 Coure Mano 15:00 The Center of Things 15:15 Pink Panther Show 15:50 The Adventures of Pete and Pete 18:15 The Center of Things 18:35 Hangir with Mr. Cooper 17:05 Little University 17:30 Shesh-Tus 16:00 Hugo 16:30 Looney Toons and Inspector Gadget 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Rocko's Modern Life and Ren & Stimpy 20:25 Marned with Children 20:50 Roseanne 21:15 Lois and Clark

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 From the Lives of the Marionettes (Swedish, 1980) - controversial Inornar Bergman film about a successful young man who viciously murders a prostitute. The film uses a collage of confessions and occurrences to depict the man's mental collapse. (99 mins.) 23:45 Over the Moon (1937) - comedy about a country girl who the heart of the young doctor she loves. With Merle Oberon, Rex Harrison and William Howard (75 mins.)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University - Textile strike of 1934; Making of the Statue of Liberty; American Presidents: Jimmy Carter 12:00 Great Palaces - Bangkok (rpl) 12:30 Fork in the Road - Europe (rpt) 13:00 Beyond the Rainbow (rpt) 14:00 Open University (rpt) 19:00 Great Palaces (rpt) 16:30 Fork in the Road (rpt) 17:00 Beyond the Rainbow (rpt) 18:00 Open University (rpt) 20:00 Mouth to Ear - a look at rap music as a way out of the ghetto for Afro-Americans in Cleveland 20:30 Paleoworld: The Mystery of Extinction - theories about the extinction of the dinosaurs 21:00 National Geographic Explorer 22:00 Searching for Lost Worlds -Machu Picchu, Peru 23:00 Mouth to Ear (rpt) 23:30 Paleoworld (rpt) 00:00 Open

SUPER CHANNEL

University (rpt)

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 8:00 Today 10:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 17:00 MSNBC -The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 Cooking magazine 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Sellna Scott Show 21:00 Daletine 22:00 Triethlon, World Championship, Hawaii 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News with Torn Brokaw 2:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 3:00MSNBC Internight

ESTAR PLUS

6:00 Yan Can Cook 6:30 El TV 7:00 Kate and Allie 7:30 Oprah Winfrey 8:30 The X-Files 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Khandaan 11:30 imilhan 12:00 Home and Away 12:30 Lost in Space 13:30 Black Stallion 14:00 Kate and Alfie 14:30 Yan Can Cook 15:00 Mastering the Internet 15:30 Star News in Hindi 16:00 Small Wonder 16:30 The Bold and the Seautiful 17:00 Hindi program 17:30 Star News 18:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 18:30 Beverly Hills 90210 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Dynasty 22:00 Baywatch 23:00 Quincy 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Barnaby Jones 2:00 Home and Away 2:30 The Sullivans

■ CHANNEL 5

9:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Dangerous Games 17:00 Israell Showjumping 17:30 Futbol Mundial 19:30 Ellat Triathlon 20:00 To be announced 21:00 South American Soccer 22:00

English League Soccer - Derby vs. Everton

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Amit blasts Kahalani for visiting synagogue

chief Cmdr. Arye Amit yesterday accused Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani of undermining and insulting his men by visiting the capital's Or Hatzafon synagogue in August, from which rocks and dirty diapers were thrown at them.

Amit was speaking at a study day on 'The Policeman's Image. attended by Kahalani, at a Border Police base in the capital.

Amit said the insult to the image and honor of policemen undermines their self-confidence and seriously damages the police. Giving an example, Amit explained: "A minister, who for me is the king, innocently enters the center where dirty diapers and rocks are thrown at police who serve every Shabbat on Rehov Bar-llan. This undermines their

Amit was referring to the synagogue that police think was the "center of disturbances" during the demonstrations in recent months.

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"Another thing that hurts us is the 'leadership war,' which leaked outside the force in an ugly way," Amit said, hinting to comments made by Deputy Inspector-General Gabi Last. "A commander saying that we don't use clubs in my district, when there is no reason to do so, is like my going to the television and saying that my district is much better than the central district because no one drowns in it."

When Amit finished speaking, Last said: "If you're done acting like a child, we offer you our hand." Last stuck out his hand, but Amit refused to shake it.

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He added that even if an effec-

spreading rabies in the region.



Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan stands ontside Haifa Magistrate's Court, where his trial on charges of violating privacy and illegal use of military documents opened yesterday. Eitan, former energy minister Gonen Segev, and two Tsomet activists are accused of using information illegally obtained from an IDF computer in internal party battles. The court gave the defense an additional month to prepare its case.

Chief vet accuses anti-vivisectionists of 'lying' about him

THE director of the Agriculture Ministry's veterinary services accused the Israel Anti-Vivisectionist Society yesterday of "lying" in claiming that be had turned down free oral rabies vaccine from Germany meant as bait for wild animals.

Prof. Amon Shimshony said that his office, in collaboration with Tel Aviv University and Nature Reserves Authority experts, tried the vaccine-laced bait three years ago, but it was not effective because it broke down in the heat.

On Sunday, after the death from rabies of soldier Rafi Tal following a rat bite in his tent, the society charged that Shimshony "prefers to kill off tens of thousands of stray dogs and cats out of fear that they were infected by foxes."

Tal was not vaccinated by Acre district health office doctors because they claimed there had never been a documented case of a rat transmitting the rabies virus.

Na'amat petitions High Court over lenient rules for obtaining gun licenses Since finding the German oral vaccine ineffective, Shimshony said, the veterinary service has

NA'AMAT peritioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against new rules which make it easier to get a gun license, charging that these rules will lead to increased domestic violence and more spousal murders.

The new criteria were approved by the Interior Ministry at the end of October, They lower the minimum age for owning a gun from 21 to 20, and expand the list of IDF and ex-IDF personnel who are automatically eligible for a

be an unexpected number of ani-The petition based itself on a mals and not enough bait to vacci-nate all of them. Thus rabies will report prepared in June by a parliamentary committee of investigation into spousal murders. Shimsbony said that 10,000 ani-According to the committee's findings, about a third of all mal bites or scratches are reported each year, and anywhere from spousal murders are committed 1,200 to 2,000 people are vacciwith guns.

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Even when spousal violence

does not result in murder, however, the committee found that the presence of firearms significantly increases the fear to which battered wives are subjected.

According to the committee, there are some 150,000 battered women in Israel, whose families include some 350,000 children.

The petition charged that the more lenient criteria would contribute to the "sowing of terror" and violence in the families of wife-beaters, as well as causing an increase in the oumber of spousal murders, since they include no mechanism for weeding out wifebeaters. As such, the new criteria are so unreasonable as to be illegal; the petition argued.

The High Court has already issued an ioterim injunctioo against the new criteria, io response to a different petition.

Expert: Risk of Syrian attack drops for now

DAVID RUDGE

THE risk of Syria launching a limited military action against Israel in the North appears to have dissipated for the time being, but has certainly not disappeared, according to Middle East expert Prof.

Gabriel Ben-Dor. "I think the Syrians are playing a sophisticated game and are waiting for a more opportune moment," said Ben-Dor, professor of political science and Middle

East politics at Haifa University. "They escalated the situation at one point, just before the US presidential elections, when they felt Israel was vulnerable, but theo

eased off. "They estimate that the political moment is not right now, first because the atteotion of the world is focused on the Palestinian-Israeli talks and particularly the stalemate on Hebron.

"Before that is resolved, there is to real chance, in the Syrian view, of any international pressure being exerted on Israel on yet another

"They are also waiting for the

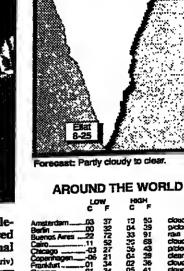
US administration to get organized, efficiently enough to be in a position to exert pressure if required or so desired."

Ben-Dor is participating along with other leading experts from Israel and abroad in a two-day international conference on Syria including internal, social, economic and political issues - which

opens today at Haifa University. "I estimate that if the Hebron issue is resolved by a signed agreement soon, then the Syrians might try to heat up the situation in the North again, once the US administratioo is entrenched and has for-

mulated its foreign policy," he said. Ben-Dor said that such an escalation was likely to occur oext month or early February, if the deadlock in the peace talks oo the Syrian-Israeli track continues.

It would be likely to take the form of threats and the movement of armed forces or they might eveo try a limited form of military action on the Golan. This is still very much in the cards if the stalemate continues," he said,



Winning cards THE winning cards in yesterday's daily Chance draw were the jack of spades, eight of hearts, seven of

diamonds and eight of clubs.



Soldier dies of wounds received in Beit Lid bombing

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

CORP. Assaf Ben-Or, 20, from Kiryat Bialik, died yesterday of wounds be received in the Beit Lid suicide bombing nearly two years ago. He is to be buried today at the military section of the Tzur Shalom cemetery in Kiryat Białik.

Beo-Or was wounded on January 22, 1995, when two Hamas suicide bombers blew themselves up at a soldier's hitchhiking post and kiosk at the Beit Lid junction. Nineteen were killed in that explosion and 64 wounded.

Survey finds that 22% of youth would not serve in IDF if it weren't required

TWENTY-TWO percent of 16-18 year olds questioned in a recent survey said that they would not serve in the IDF if there was not a mandatory draft, announced Moddy Kidon, head of the Gitam company

which conducted the survey. The survey of 300 teens also found that 71% thought their parents were more motivated than they are: 31% do not believe a mandatory draft is justified in light of the state's current situation; 40% believe the IDF stunts their personal development; and 45%

place their own personal fulfillment before national ideals.

The survey results were announced yesterday in a discussion on how the IDF can improve its image among youth and reserve soldiers during the Media '97 conference in Tel Aviv.

OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sbeffer, who also spoke at the session, said that it is difficult to say whether the survey results are positive, as there are no similar surveys to compare with them.

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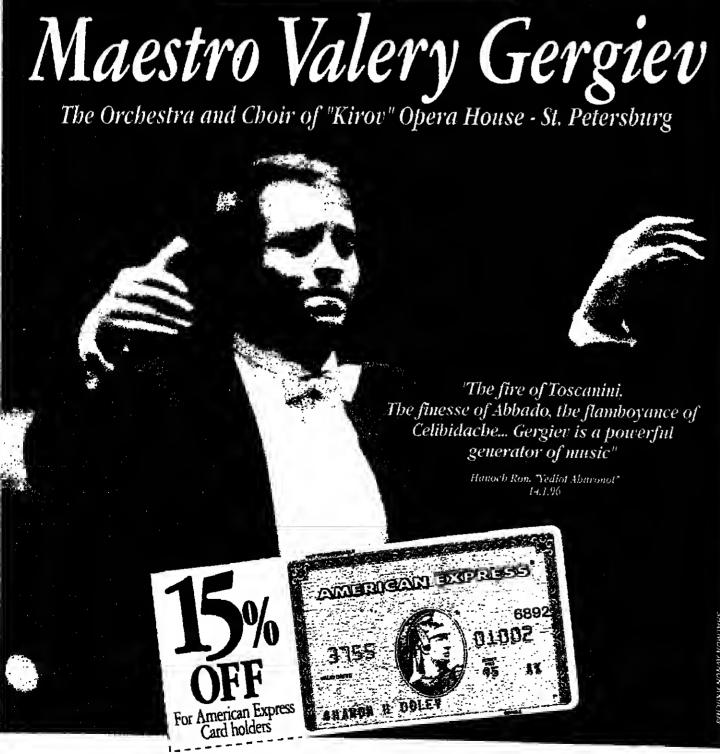
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Thursday 9.1.97 at 20:10 Aqaba, Jordan: Opening Festive Concert, Under the Panonage of Her Majest. Queen Noor of Jordan, Shirbani Shalayev Oded Zahavi Works commissioned in honor of Peace Mussingsky: Night on a Bald Mountain Rimski-Korsakov: Schelherezade appolitov-Ivanov. Caucasian Sketches Friday, 10.1.97 at 21:00 - Filan Festive Concert, Romeo and Juliet in Music., Berliviz, Romeo and Juliet - Dramatic Symphony Manna Tarassova, mezzo-septano Tenor, to be announced Sergei Alexahkin, Just Saturday, 11.1.97 at 21:00 - Filan Verdi - "Requirem". Sharon Savet, soprano Marina Tarassova, mezzo septano Gegam Grigorian, tenor Sergei Alexahkin, bass.

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